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Town of
BRAINTREE



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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OF BRAINTREE

CONTAINING THE REPORTS OF
SELECTMEN, TOWN TREASURER,
TOWN CLERK, TOWN ACCOUNTANT,
ASSESSORS AND OTHER
OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31

1939

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Report of the Selectmen for the Year 1939



Since the report of the Board at the end of 1938, the Board has been filled by the addition of a new member to its normal complement of three members. This has enabled your Board to function with the least possible friction and delay, since it is composed of three independent individuals with no permanent majority alignment, so that decisions in all matters before the Board can readily be disposed of, if not unanimously, by the agreement of any two of the independent members.

The Board has undertaken an innovation which has been very well received by the public, in making and publishing monthly reports of the financial condition of the various departments. This has served to keep the voters and taxpayers currently informed of progress from one annual meeting to the next. The summarization of these monthly reports will indicate the very gratifying progress which has been made in the handling of the town's financial affairs, in a manner which will result in the return to the town of several substantial unexpended balances of annual appropriations. We take this opportunity to congratulate all of the departments which have cooperated to produce this result.

The Selectmen have cooperated with the Chamber of Commerce on at least three important matters. They have done all in their power to attract new industries to Braintree, with the result that two large new plants have been located here within the past year. The transportation problem, with particular reference to the railroad, has received their attention, and one member of the Board, together with the Town Counsel, is now working on that problem in conjunction with the Old Colony Commuters' League. They have also considered and will present to the Town Meeting, in conjunction with the Chamber of Commerce, a program for the establishment of parking places adjacent to the shopping centers of the Town.

In conjunction with the parking problem, which is constantly increasing in importance, the Board has spent much time in the preparation of a code of traffic and parking regulations for the Town which awaits the approval of the State Department of Public Works before being made effective.

The Board has uniformly opposed billboard advertising along our highways which would impair the beauty of the Town. In this connection, they have also required improvements and beautifications of certain business premises operating under permit from the Board.

The Board has held for the convenience of the citizens, regular meetings twice a month and special meetings whenever required. On the problems presented to the Board, they have acted in the best interests of the Town as they have determined that interest to exist and will continue to do so, welcoming any constructive suggestions from the citizens as to the management of their affairs.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY D. HIGGINS,
ALBERT E. ROBERTS,
HENRY H. STORM,
Board of Selectmen.

TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1939

MODERATOR

WILLIAM F. ROGERS Term expires 1940

TOWN CLERK

ERNEST C. WOODSUM Term expires 1940

TREASURER

JOHN W. HARDING Term expires 1940

SELECTMEN

HENRY H. STORM Term expires 1940

HENRY D. HIGGINS Term expires 1941

ALBERT E. ROBERTS Term expires 1942

BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

HENRY H. STORM Term expires 1940

HENRY D. HIGGINS Term expires 1941

ALBERT E. ROBERTS Term expires 1942

ASSESSORS

NORRIS H. PINAULT Term expires 1940

FRED AUSTERBERRY Term expires 1941

WALTER B. SKINNER Term expires 1942

WATER COMMISSIONERS AND COMMISSIONERS OF SINKING FUND

THOMAS E. SEARS Term expires 1940

GEORGE A. WALKER Term expires 1941

JOSEPH LANDERS Term expires 1942

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

HENRY D. HIGGINS Term expires 1940

ALIDA N. STEVENS Term expires 1940

HOWARD B. BLEWETT Term expires 1941

C. EARLE BESTICK Term expires 1941

ARCHIE T. MORRISON Term expires 1942

HAROLD R. QUIMBY Term expires 1942

MUNICIPAL LIGHTING BOARD

FRANK P. LORD Term expires 1940

NORTON P. POTTER Term expires 1941

SHELLEY A. NEAL Term expires 1942

PARK COMMISSIONERS

CHARLES F. ABELL	Term expires 1940
ROBERT B. TAYLOR	Term expires 1941
HARRY F. VINTON, JR.	Term expires 1942

SEWER COMMISSIONERS

WALTER E. THOMPSON	Term expires 1940
DWIGHT A. CHANDLER	Term expires 1941
SAMUEL M. ELLSWORTH	Term expires 1942

BOARD OF HEALTH

DWIGHT A. CHANDLER	Term expires 1940
JOHN J. ATKINSON	Term expires 1941
DEANE R. WALKER	Term expires 1942

COLLECTOR OF TAXES

GEORGE H. GERRIOR, JR.	Term expires 1940
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TREE WARDEN

CLARENCE R. BESTICK	Term expires 1940
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PLANNING BOARD

EDWARD J. ROSE, Chairman	Term expires 1940
FRANK L. HEANEY	Term expires 1940
JOHN F. CLINTON	Term expires 1941
HOWARD J. WILLIAMS	Term expires 1942
JAMES F. BRITTAIN	Term expires 1942
JOHN J. DRINKWATER, Town Engineer	Ex-officio

TRUSTEES OF THAYER PUBLIC LIBRARY

ALBERT E. AVERY	Life Member
JOHN W. HARDING	Life Member
STACY B. SOUTHWORTH	Life Member
MABEL S. ROGERS	Term expires 1940
CLARA G. WETHERBEE	Term expires 1940

TRUSTEES OF SCHOOL FUND

ARTHUR L. HALE	Term expires 1940
JOHN W. HARDING	Term expires 1940
WILLIAM H. HEATH	Term expires 1940
OTIS B. OAKMAN	Term expires 1940
GEORGE E. SAMPSON	Term expires 1940
C. FREDERICK TARBOX	Term expires 1940
GEORGE A. WALKER	Term expires 1940

CONSTABLES

GEORGE F. ALLSOPP	E. STANLEY FRASER
HARVEY J. ANNIS	WILLIAM J. GAUTHIER
GUSTAF ARNOLDSON, JR.	JOHN J. HEANEY
CLARENCE R. BESTICK	HARVEY HOWE
HENRY B. BROWN, JR.	H. WINTHROP S. ROBERTS
EDWARD J. DRYSDALE	JOHN P. SHAY
SILVIO FERRANTE	L. DANIEL SHIELDS
ROBERT A. TENNEY	

MEASURERS OF WOOD AND WEIGHERS OF HAY

WILLARD P. SHEPPARD	WILFORD F. WOODSUM
R. ALLEN GAGE	

MEASURERS OF LUMBER

HERBERT W. BORDEN	SHELLEY A. NEAL
CHARLES O. MILLER	

APPOINTED OFFICERS**POLICE DEPARTMENT**

JOHN J. HEANEY, Chief
 N. ERIC NELSON, Deputy Chief
 EVERETT A. BUKER, Sergeant
 EDWARD D. CAHILL, Sergeant
 EARL A. PRARIO, Sergeant

HARVEY J. ANNIS	CHRISTOPHER M. GARLAND
HENRY A. COHOON	WALTER S. BELYEA
WILLIAM GALLIVAN	ARTHUR C. FORST
JOHN W. ILLINGWORTH	ALBERT R. KLAY
FRANK T. MAGUIRE	GEORGE L. NOVELLINE
JOHN F. O'ROURKE	CORNELIUS L. SULLIVAN
JOSEPH W. FLAHERTY	GEORGE E. WILSON, JR.

RESERVE OFFICERS

GEORGE H. FAUSTINI	HERBERT E. LEWIS
LEWIS H. GOULD	EDWARD N. SHARON
JOHN S. McLAUGHLIN	ALBERT E. WYNOT
JAMES F. SMITH	EDWARD P. LONG
RUSSELL WHITE	LEO J. HART, JR.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

FRED A. TENNEY, Chief	HARRY T. SEARS, Deputy Chief
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BOARD OF REGISTRARS

VIRGIE M. SEARS, Chairman	ERNEST C. WOODSUM, Clerk
THOMAS F. MULLIGAN	HARRISON W. BAILEY

THEODORE N. FOGG **MANSFIELD A. BELYEA**
FREDERICK L. MURPHY

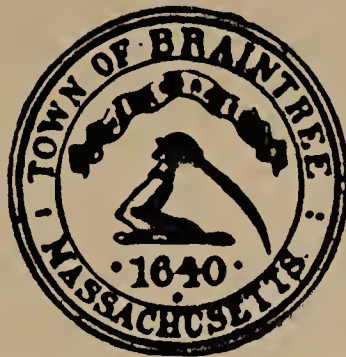
GUSTAVUS P. PRATT EUGENE P. CLEAVES
W. HOMER MELVILLE

CORNELIUS W. SULLIVAN ISRAEL P. WESTON
ARTHUR F. SULLIVAN

ALFRED H. HOLBROOK JOHN A. RYAN

SA 1941 MERTON A. T
RALPH B. WOODSUM 1942

Report of Town Clerk



Norfolk, ss. To either of the Constables of the Town of Braintree.
Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Braintree, qualified to vote in elections therein, to meet at the polling places in their respective Precincts, to wit:

- Polling Place in Precinct 1, Noah Torrey School.
- Polling Place in Precinct 2, Town Hall.
- Polling Place in Precinct 3, Legion Building.
- Polling Place in Precinct 4, Penniman School.
- Polling Place in Precinct 5, Hose House, Allen Street.
- Polling Place in Precinct 6, Thomas Watson School.

On Monday, the sixth day of March, 1939, at five forty-five o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to bring in to the Wardens of their respective Precincts their votes on the official ballot for a Moderator, Town Clerk, a Town Treasurer, one Selectman for a term of three years, one Selectman for a term of one year to fill vacancy, one member of the Board of Public Welfare for a term of three years, one member of the Board of Public Welfare for a term of one year to fill vacancy, one member of the Board of Assessors for a term of three years, one Water Commissioner and Commissioner of Sinking Funds for a term of three years, two members of the School Committee for a term of three years, one member of the Municipal Lighting Board for a term of three years, one member of the Board of Health for a term of three years, one Sewer Commissioner for a term of three years, one Park Commissioner for a term of three years, a Tax Collector, a Tree Warden, two members of the Planning Board for a term of three years, fifteen Constables, and two hundred and forty Town Meeting Members as follows: Thirty-nine members from Precinct 1; forty-two members from Precinct 2; forty-two members from Precinct 3; forty-two members from Precinct 4; thirty-nine members from Precinct 5; and thirty-six members from Precinct 6.

The polls will be opened at five forty-five o'clock in the forenoon and will be closed at eight o'clock in the evening.

You are further directed to notify and warn the said inhabitants qualified to vote as aforesaid, to meet at the Town Hall in said Braintree on Monday, the thirteenth day of March, 1939, at seven forty-five o'clock in the evening, then and there to act upon the following articles, namely:

Article 1. To choose all Town Officers, except those elected by ballot.

Article 2. To hear and act upon the report of the several boards of Town Officers, and committees, and choose any committee the Town may think proper.

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1939, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1940, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with the provisions of Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money for general municipal purposes under the authority of and in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 49 of the Acts of 1933, as amended, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 6. To see if the Town will hold its Treasurer harmless on his bond for any loss which may arise from the failure of any National Bank or Trust Company in which the funds of the Town may be on deposit, said Bank or Trust Company being designated by the Selectmen.

Article 7. To see if the Town will hold its Collector harmless on his bond for any loss which may arise from the failure of any National Bank or Trust Company in which the funds of the Town may be on deposit, said Bank or Trust Company being designated by the Selectmen.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise or borrow and appropriate a sum of money for a Reserve Fund for extraordinary and unforeseen expenditures during the current year.

Article 9. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise or borrow and appropriate for Interest and Maturing Debt the present year, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 10. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise or borrow and appropriate for Insurance on Town property and Workmen's Compensation, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 11. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise or borrow and appropriate for the Norfolk County Hospital Assessment, for maintenance and repairs.

Article 12. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise or borrow and appropriate for Street Lighting, to wit — \$12,500.00.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise or borrow and appropriate a sum of money for the payment of printing and distribution of the Annual Report of the Town of Braintree for 1938.

Article 14. To see what distribution the Town will vote to make of the income of the Thayer Fund.

Article 15. To see what sums of money, in addition to that appropriated under any other article, the Town will vote to raise or borrow and appropriate for Land Damages.

SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES

Article 16. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise or borrow and appropriate for the support of the Public Schools for the present year, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise or borrow and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of purchasing, or taking, land in Precinct Three; said land being Lot 8 on Assessors' Plan, Number 2031, Plot 24, consisting of 5394 square feet, on Weston Avenue, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise or borrow and appropriate sums of money for the purpose of constructing, furnishing, and equipping an addition to the High School, and for the making of additions, alterations, and repairs to the present building, and to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow all, or any part of said sums and to authorize the proper officers to take any steps which may be necessary to secure an allotment of Federal funds under P. W. A. or other Federal agency, to supplement any appropriation made by the Town; or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 19. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise or borrow and appropriate for the Public Library, the present year, or take any action relative thereto.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Article 20. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise or borrow and appropriate for General Government for salaries and expenses for the following department and other purposes, the present year, or take any action relative thereto.

1. Moderator.
2. Finance Committee.
3. Selectmen.
4. Accountant.
5. Town Engineer.
6. Assessors.
7. Treasurer.
8. Tax Collector.
9. Town Clerk.
10. Election and Registration.
11. Law.
12. Maintenance of Municipal Buildings: Town Hall, Central Fire and Police Station and Public Library.
13. Contributory Retirement System.

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money in addition to sums of money already appropriated to cover the Town's share for materials, trucking and other necessary expenditures in connection with W. P. A. activities or other Special Aid projects in conjunction with State or Federal Government as may be approved by the Finance Committee, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 22. To see what further sums the Town will vote to raise by taxation and appropriate to meet certain incidental and miscellaneous expenses not otherwise provided for, namely, General Government Incidentals, the same to be in addition to any sums previously appropriated for said purposes.

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

Article 23. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise or borrow and appropriate for the protection of persons and property the present year, or take any action relative thereto.

1. Life Guard at Sunset Lake.
2. Building Inspector.
3. Sealer of Weights and Measures.
4. Tree Warden's Department.
5. Moth Department.
6. Fire Department.
7. Police Department.

HEALTH AND SANITATION

Article 24. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise or borrow and appropriate for Health and Sanitation the present year, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 25. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise or borrow and appropriate for the maintenance and operation of the Water Department, including interest and debt on Water Loans, the same to be taken from the revenue of the Department, and the unexpended balance of 1938, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the income of the Water Department, the sum of \$300.00, for the salaries of the Water Commissioners.

Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the income of the Electric Light Department, the sum of \$300.00, for salaries of the Electric Light Commissioners.

Article 28. To see if the Town will vote to include in the Tax Levy for electricity used for street lighting the sum of \$12,500.00 as appropriated under Article 12 of the Warrant for the 1939 Annual Town Meeting, and that said sum together with the income from sales of electricity to private consumers, or for current supplied to Municipal Building or for Municipal Power, and from sales of appliances and jobbing during the current fiscal year, to be appropriated for the use of the Municipal Light Plant, the whole to be expended under the direction and control of the Municipal Light Board for repairs, renewals, new construction and operating expenses of the plant for the present fiscal year, as defined in Section 57 of Chapter 164 of the General Laws, and that, if said income shall exceed the expense for the fiscal year, such excess shall be transferred to the construction fund of said plant and appropriated and shall be used for such additions to the plant as may thereafter be authorized by the Municipal Light Board.

Article 29. To see what sum or sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the purposes of the Sewer Department, to be expended by the Board of Sewer Commissioners, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 30. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300.00 for salaries of the Board of Sewer Commissioners.

RECREATION

Article 31. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise or borrow and appropriate for the general use of the Board of Park Commissioners the coming year, or take any action relative thereto.

CEMETERIES

Article 32. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise or borrow and appropriate for the improvement of the Cemetery the present year, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 33. On Petition. To see if the Town in accordance with Chapter 114, Section 34 of the General Laws, will authorize the use of the following parcel of land for burial purposes as an extension of the present Blue Hill Cemetery. A certain parcel of land situated in said Braintree, bounded and described as follows: Westerly by a Way forty feet wide, shown on the plan hereinafter referred to twelve hundred forty-six and $\frac{71}{100}$ (1246.71) feet; Northeasterly, six hundred seven and $\frac{44}{100}$ (607.44) feet; and Northerly twelve hundred sixty-six and $\frac{42}{100}$ (1266.42) feet by land now or formerly of Robert L. Ryder; Northeasterly by land now or formerly of Peter Cahill, two hundred fifty-six feet; Southeasterly by land now or formerly of Blue Hill Cemetery, four hundred sixty-six and $\frac{70}{100}$ (466.70) feet; and Southerly by land of said Blue Hill Cemetery, twenty-one hundred fifty-two and $\frac{15}{100}$ (2152.15) feet. Said parcel is shown as lot A on a plan drawn by Roland H. Barnes and Henry F. Beal, Civil Engineers, dated February 1938, filed in the Norfolk Registry District of the Land Court as plan number 11973-B with Certificate of Title No. 21843.

SOLDIERS' BENEFITS

Article 34. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise or borrow and appropriate for Soldiers' Relief, State Aid and Military Aid the present year, or take any action relative thereto.

PUBLIC WELFARE

Article 35. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise or borrow and appropriate for the Public Welfare Department, including Aid for Dependent Children, and Adequate Assistance to Certain Aged Persons under the provisions of Chapter 118A, Acts of 1931, or take any action relative thereto.

HIGHWAYS

Article 36. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise or borrow and appropriate for the support of the Highway Department, including labor, repairs to highways, Town Ways and Bridges; also, for repairs and building sidewalks, stone roads and removal of Snow, Oiling and Tarring of Streets; purchase of equipment for said department, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 37. On Petition. To see if the Town will vote to accept as and for a Town Way, Argyle Road, so-called, from Pleasant View Avenue to Glenrose Avenue, as laid out by the Selectmen, and raise and appropriate a sum of money for the improvement of the said way; or take any action relative thereto.

Article 38. On Petition. To see if the Town will vote to accept as and for a Town Way, Putnam Avenue, so-called, from Cleveland Avenue 292 feet easterly as laid out by the Selectmen, and raise and appropriate a sum of money for the improvement of the said way under a W. P. A. Project; or take any action relative thereto.

Article 39. On Petition. To see if the Town will vote to accept as and for a Town Way, Wayne Avenue, so-called, from Pond Street to Logan Road; and Logan Road from Wayne Avenue to Hoover Road; and Hoover Road from Logan Road to St. Michael Road as laid out by the Selectmen, and raise and appropriate a sum of money for the improvement of said way under a W. P. A. Project; or take any action relative thereto.

Article 40. On Petition. To see if the Town will vote to reconstruct Hayward Street from Howard Street easterly to Quincy Avenue, and raise or borrow and appropriate a sum of money for the same, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 41. On Petition. To see if the Town will vote to accept as and for a Town Way, Spencer Street, so-called, from Trefton Drive to Arborway Drive, as laid out by the Selectmen; and raise and appropriate a sum of money for the improvement of said way, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 42. On Petition. To see if the Town will vote to accept as and for a Town Way, Faulkner Place, so-called, 730 feet westerly from Washington Street as laid out by the Selectmen, and raise and appropriate a sum of money for the improvement of the said way under a W. P. A. Project; or take any action relative thereto.

Article 43. On Petition. To see if the Town will vote to accept as and for a Town Way, Perry Road, so-called, from Burroughs Road to Bower Road, a distance of approximately 172 feet, as laid out by the Selectmen; and raise and appropriate a sum of money for the improvement of the said way under a W. P. A. Project; or take any action relative thereto.

Article 44. On Petition. To see if the Town will vote to widen Common Street from Washington Street to Sunnyside Avenue, so that it may have a uniform width of forty feet; or take any action relative thereto.

Article 45. On Petition. To see if the Town will vote to accept as and for a Town Way, Sunnyside Avenue, so-called, from the end of Common Street, so-called, approximately 1000 feet westerly, as laid out by the Selectmen, and raise and appropriate a sum of money for the improvement of the said way, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 46. On Petition. To see if the Town will vote to widen Hobart Avenue, from Washington Street westerly to Tremont Street and Tremont Street southerly to Central Avenue, beginning at Hobart Avenue; and raise and appropriate a sum of money for the same or take any action relative thereto.

Article 47. On Petition. To see if the Town will vote to accept as and for a Town Way, Wilkins Road, so-called, from present line of acceptance to North Bowditch Street, as laid out by the Selectmen, and raise and appropriate a sum of money for the improvement of the said way, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 48. On Petition. To see if the Town will vote to accept as and for a Town Way, North Bowditch Street, so-called, from Wilkins Road to May Street, as laid out by the Selectmen, and raise and appropriate a sum of money for the improvement of the said way, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 49. On Petition. To see if the Town will vote to accept as and for a Town Way, Atlas Road, so-called, between Cedarcliff Road and Thayer Road, as laid out by the Selectmen, and raise and appropriate a sum of money for the improvement of the said way under a W. P. A. Project; or take any action relative thereto.

Article 50. On Petition. To see if the Town will vote to accept as and for a Town Way, Thayer Road, so-called, 800 feet westerly from Quincy Avenue, as laid out by the Selectmen, and raise and appropriate a sum of money for the improvement of the said way under a W. P. A. Project; or take any action relative thereto.

Article 51. On Petition. To see if the Town will vote to accept as and for a Town Way, Staten Road, so-called, from present line of acceptance westerly to Abbott Street, as laid out by the Selectmen, and raise and appropriate a sum of money for the improvement of the said way under a W. P. A. Project; or take any action relative thereto.

Article 52. On Petition. To see if the Town will vote to accept as and for a Town Way, Garland Street, so-called, from Dickerman Lane southerly to Storrs Avenue, as laid out by the Selectmen, and raise and appropriate a sum of money for the improvement of the said way under a W. P. A. Project; or take any action relative thereto.

Article 53. On Petition. To see if the Town will vote to accept as and for a Town Way, Glenrose Avenue, so-called, from Quincy Avenue to Argyle Road, and raise and appropriate a sum of money for the improvement of the said way under a W. P. A. Project; or take any action relative thereto.

Article 54. On Petition. To see if the Town will vote to accept as and for a Town Way, Newport Avenue, so-called, 510 feet westerly from Franklin Street, and raise and appropriate a sum of money for the improvement of the said way under a W. P. A. Project; or take any action relative thereto.

Article 55. On Petition. To see if the Town will vote to raise or borrow and appropriate a sum of money for the widening of the present Bridge on Jefferson Street, South Braintree, under a W. P. A. Project; or take any action relative thereto.

Article 56. On Petition. To see if the Town will vote to raise or borrow and appropriate a sum of money for the installation of Traffic Signal Lights on Quincy Avenue, East Braintree, near the Thomas Watson School, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 57. On Petition. To see if the Town will vote to raise or borrow and appropriate a sum of money for the installation of Traffic Signal Lights at the intersection of Commercial, Liberty and Union Streets, East Braintree, near the Jonas Perkins School, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 58. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the practice of electing Constables by ballot and authorize the Selectmen to appoint such Constables as they may deem necessary under the provisions of Section 91A, Chapter 41, General Laws, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 59. To see if the Town will take any action by petition to the Legislature or otherwise to place any or all of the Town Employees under Civil Service Regulations, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 60. To see if the Town will take any action by petition to the Legislature or otherwise, to establish a system of Tenure of Office for any or all of the Town Employees, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 61. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise or borrow and appropriate to meet the payment of certain bills contracted in several departments prior to January 1st, 1939, or take any other action in the matter.

Article 62. To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 3 of Article 1 of the By-Laws by substituting for said Section 3 the following: "Article 1. Section 3. All business, except the election of officers and the determination of such matters as by law are required to be determined by ballot, shall be considered at an adjournment thereof to the second Monday following at 7:45 P. M."

Article 63. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by transfer or otherwise the amount of \$55,296.47 for overdrafts of the year 1937, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 64. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of making a survey of the Braintree School System, or take any action thereto.

Article 65. To see if the Town will vote to raise or borrow and appropriate sums of money for the purpose of constructing, furnishing and equipping a Fire Station in East Braintree, and authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow all, or any part of said sums, and to authorize the proper officers to take any steps which may be necessary to secure an allotment of Federal funds under P. W. A. or other Federal agency, to supplement any appropriation made by the Town; or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 66. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell property, title to which has been acquired by the Town under tax title foreclosure procedure, at public auction, provided notice of such auction sale be published in one or more newspapers published in the Town at least one week before the date of said sale, and to authorize the Selectmen to execute deeds conveying said land.

Article 67. On Petition. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate such sums as may be necessary for the purpose of purchasing or taking land in Precinct 4 and constructing, furnishing and equipping a grade school building thereon; and authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow any part of such sum in accordance with the provisions of any act so authorizing; or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 68. On Petition. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the collection, transportation and disposal of rubbish and refuse from the private residences and stores or any other habitations in the Town of Braintree, by the Highway Department; or take any action relative thereto.

Article 69. On Petition. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen, to secure a suitable location, to be used as a Town Dump, or appropriate any money for same, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 70. On Petition. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1000.00 to assist Braintree Post No. 86, American Legion, in the maintenance of its Headquarters in the Legion Building, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 71. On Petition. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$600.00 to assist Braintree Post No. 86,

American Legion, Antietam Camp No. 3, Sons of Union Veterans, and Braintree Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, in defraying expenses of Memorial Day, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 72. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money from the Highway Fund provided by Chapter 2 of the Acts of 1939 for any of the purposes authorized by said Chapter.

Article 73. To see if the Town will vote to amend Article I of the By-Laws by adding a new section to said article, said section to read as follows:—

“Section 8. The following officials of the Town shall be members ex-officio of the Limited Town Meeting, in accordance with Section 3 of Chapter 17 of the Acts of 1937:—Moderator, Town Clerk, Treasurer, Town Accountant, Tax Collector, Chairman of the Selectmen, Chairman of Assessors, Chairman of Water Commission, Chairman of School Committee, Chairman of Municipal Light Board, Chairman of Park Commission, Chairman of Planning Board, Chairman of Board of Health, Chairman of Trustees of Public Library, Chairman of Sewer Commission, Chairman of the Finance Committee, and Secretary to the Finance Committee.”

Article 74. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise or borrow and appropriate for the expenses of the Planning Board or take any action thereto.

Article 75. To see if the Town of Braintree will adopt a standardized purchase order form as approved by the Finance Committee, and that this form be put into use in all Purchasing Departments of the Town not later than April 1st, 1939, and that the Selectmen shall be responsible for furnishing and distributing these forms to the various Departments and charging each Department with the quantities used, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 76. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise or borrow and appropriate to defray the expenses of the Three Hundredth Anniversary Celebration for Braintree, the same to be expended by the Special Committee appointed under Article 53 of the 1934 Annual Town Meeting, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 77. On Petition. To see if the Town will adopt, and memorialize other Towns and Cities within the Commonwealth and the Great and General Court, urging them to adopt the substance of the following resolutions, or to see what action the Town will take with reference thereto:

Resolved: That in the methods to be used in constructing and repairing our properties, those methods to be adopted which will employ men, rather than utilize machinery to the exclusion of manual labor.

Be It Further Resolved: That in all contemplated projects of larger proportions to be done under contract, a stipulation be included in each contract which shall specify what work is to be done by hand labor, and what is permitted to be done by machinery:

Be It Further Resolved: That in the performance of public works, we attend primarily to the utilization of animate power to supply means for the machine's support.

You are directed to serve this Warrant by posting true and attested copies thereof in three public places in each Voting Precinct in said Town of Braintree, ten days at least before said sixth day of March, 1939, and by publishing the same once each week for two successive weeks in the Braintree Observer, the first publication to be at least eight days before said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, before said meeting.

Given under our hands at Braintree, this sixth day of February, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-nine.

HENRY D. HIGGINS, Chairman.

ALBERT E. ROBERTS, Clerk.

Selectmen of the Town of Braintree.

A true copy. Attest:

JOHN J. HEANEY,

Constable of Braintree.

Braintree, Mass., February 10th, 1939.

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant, I hereby notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Braintree, qualified as expressed therein, to meet at the time and places mentioned, for the purposes therein mentioned.

JOHN J. HEANEY,

Constable of Braintree.

Braintree, Mass., February 10th, 1939.

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant, I have hereby notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Braintree, qualified as expressed therein, to meet at the time and places mentioned, for the purposes therein mentioned.

JOHN J. HEANEY,

Constable of Braintree.

Warrant for Special Town Meeting

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS



Norfolk, ss. To either of the Constables of the Town of Braintree.
Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Braintree, qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Braintree,

On Monday, the thirteenth day of March 1939, at eight o'clock in the evening, to act on the following article, namely:

Article 1. To see if the Town will vote to extend for a period, or periods, not exceeding in the aggregate six months beyond the maximum term provided by law for an original revenue loan, any loan issued in anticipation of the revenue of the year 1938, or take any action relative thereto.

You are directed to serve this Warrant by posting true and attested copies thereof in three public places in each voting precinct in said Town of Braintree, ten days at least before said thirteenth day of March 1939, and by publishing the same once each week for two successive weeks in The Braintree Observer, first publication to be at least eight days before said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk before said meeting.

Given under our hands at Braintree, this twenty-third day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and thirty-nine.

HENRY D. HIGGINS, Chairman.

ALBERT E. ROBERTS, Clerk.

Selectmen of the Town of Braintree.

A true copy. Attest:

JOHN J. HEANEY,

Constable of Braintree.

Braintree, Mass., February 23, 1939.

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant, I hereby notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Braintree, qualified as expressed therein, to meet at the time and places mentioned, for the purposes therein mentioned.

JOHN J. HEANEY,

Constable of Braintree.

Braintree, Mass., February 23, 1939.

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant, I have hereby notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Braintree, qualified as expressed therein, to meet at the time and places mentioned, for the purposes therein mentioned.

JOHN J. HEANEY,
Constable of Braintree.

Braintree, Mass., March 6, 1939.

In accordance with the foregoing Warrant, the voters assembled in their respective Precincts to cast their ballots for the several Town Officers, also to vote for two hundred forty Town Meeting Members.

The polls were opened in all precincts at five forty-five o'clock in the forenoon and were closed at eight o'clock in the evening.

The following Election Officers served:

PRECINCT ONE—Warden, Frank M. O'Rourke; Clerk, Lena J. Whitman; Constable, Patrick L. Dalton; Harry W. Lindsay, John T. Barrett, George H. Cain, Grace E. Scott, James B. Foley, Michael P. Novelline, Inez K. Monaghan, Lester H. Coy, Henry J. Moynihan.

PRECINCT TWO—Warden, J. Frank Lane; Clerk, Charles H. Tobey; Constable, John B. Dyer; Charles H. Roberts, Everett F. Russell, Gerard A. McMorris, John J. Doyle, Edward J. Sullivan, Courtenay Atkinson, Sarah I. Drummond, Mallie B. Wetherbee, Donald L. King.

PRECINCT THREE—Warden, Herbert F. Stackhouse; Clerk, Joseph W. Sullivan; Constable, George K. Moorehead; Eugene Cleaves, Donald J. Gillespie, Herbert L. Sears, Elva S. Belyea, Mildred Bacon, Ida Oakes, Olive Batchelder, Mabel L. Cox, Ruth C. Tilden, Katherine M. Wynot.

PRECINCT FOUR—Warden, George A. Arnold; Clerk, Harold T. Drinkwater; Constable, William G. Tuck; Ethel M. Murray, Ruth E. Nelson, Francis J. Mischler, Mae E. Haynes, Ernest Warwick, Edna C. Plummer, Roger W. Arnold, Amy A. Getchell, George MacDonald.

PRECINCT FIVE—Warden, Thomas F. Cassidy; Clerk, John Riley; Constable, Herbert Jeffers; Charles F. Durgin, George Kelley, Ida G. Ward, Frances Vining, Robina F. Chadbourne, Gladys Skinner, Edward J. Smith, Inez L. McIsaac, Mary E. Richards.

PRECINCT SIX—Warden, Charles D. Sheehy; Clerk, William J. Quinlin; Constable, Edgar G. Clark; William R. Pillsbury, William A. Boltz, Beatrice P. Diekmeyer, Elizabeth A. Silver, Lillian F. Lucid, Ruth E. Chenette, Andrew Siegel, Mae K. Cannon, F. Hazel Paradis.

At the opening of the polls the ballot boxes were inspected and found to be empty and the registers set at zero (0). The keys were placed in charge of the Constables of their respective precincts. The meetings were conducted in like manner and in accordance with the law.

At the close of the polls when all votes had been canvassed, counted, recorded and ballots sealed according to law, they were then forwarded to the Town Clerk's office where the figures were tabulated, proved and the result declared by the Board of Registrars.

NUMBER OF VOTES CAST

Precinct 1	986
Precinct 2	1193
Precinct 3	1047
Precinct 4	1075
Precinct 5	1001
Precinct 6	868
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Total	6170

Following is the result in detail:

FOR MODERATOR

	Pr. 1	Pr. 2	Pr. 3	Pr. 4	Pr. 5	Pr. 6	Total
William F. Rogers.....	722	943	964	965	704	702	5000
Scattering						1	1
Blanks	264	250	83	110	297	165	1169
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Total	986	1193	1047	1075	1001	868	6170

William F. Rogers elected and sworn by Town Clerk.

FOR TOWN CLERK

	Pr. 1	Pr. 2	Pr. 3	Pr. 4	Pr. 5	Pr. 6	Total
Ernest C. Woodsum.....	739	956	966	942	786	758	5147
Blanks	247	237	81	133	215	110	1023
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	986	1193	1047	1075	1001	868	6170

Ernest C. Woodsum elected and sworn by Otis B. Oakman, Notary Public.

FOR TOWN TREASURER

	Pr. 1	Pr. 2	Pr. 3	Pr. 4	Pr. 5	Pr. 6	Total
John W. Harding.....	746	952	961	957	749	694	5059
Blanks	240	241	86	118	252	174	1111
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	986	1193	1047	1075	1001	868	6170

John W. Harding elected and sworn by Ernest C. Woodsum, Town Clerk.

FOR SELECTMAN

(For three years)

	Pr. 1	Pr. 2	Pr. 3	Pr. 4	Pr. 5	Pr. 6	Total
John H. Cahill.....	212	193	100	233	335	228	1301
George A. Hitchcock.....	109	189	279	168	174	201	1120
Joseph M. Levangie.....	35	62	20	15	16	17	165
Harry P. Mace.....	16	12	16	26	27	91	188
George W. Mooney.....	17	43	4	1	16	4	85
Albert E. Roberts.....	548	662	613	605	397	303	3128
Blanks	49	32	15	27	36	24	183
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	986	1193	1047	1075	1001	868	6170

Albert E. Roberts elected and sworn by Town Clerk.

FOR SELECTMAN
(For one year)

	Pr. 1	Pr. 2	Pr. 3	Pr. 4	Pr. 5	Pr. 6	Total
Frank L. Denning.....	144	144	42	73	67	99	569
Jerry Frank Preston.....	291	286	199	228	248	202	1454
Henry H. Storm.....	440	671	735	662	553	478	3539
Blanks	111	92	71	112	133	89	608
	<u>986</u>	<u>1193</u>	<u>1047</u>	<u>1075</u>	<u>1001</u>	<u>868</u>	<u>6170</u>

Henry H. Storm elected and sworn by Town Clerk.

FOR BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE
(For three years)

	Pr. 1	Pr. 2	Pr. 3	Pr. 4	Pr. 5	Pr. 6	Total
John H. Cahill.....	210	182	104	225	322	217	1260
George A. Hitchcock.....	107	191	285	165	172	203	1123
Joseph M. Levangie.....	47	78	23	17	18	18	201
Harry P. Mace.....	16	12	18	26	36	97	205
George W. Mooney.....	21	41	5	2	16	4	89
Albert E. Roberts	527	640	578	606	379	295	3025
Blanks	58	49	34	34	58	34	267
	<u>986</u>	<u>1193</u>	<u>1047</u>	<u>1075</u>	<u>1001</u>	<u>868</u>	<u>6170</u>

Albert E. Roberts elected and sworn by Town Clerk.

FOR BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE
(For one year)

	Pr. 1	Pr. 2	Pr. 3	Pr. 4	Pr. 5	Pr. 6	Total
Jerry Frank Preston.....	347	362	230	266	300	258	1763
Henry H. Storm.....	462	674	735	668	542	497	3578
Blanks	177	157	82	140	159	113	828
Scattering				1			1
	<u>986</u>	<u>1193</u>	<u>1047</u>	<u>1075</u>	<u>1001</u>	<u>868</u>	<u>6170</u>

Henry H. Storm elected and sworn by Town Clerk.

FOR ASSESSOR
(For three years)

	Pr. 1	Pr. 2	Pr. 3	Pr. 4	Pr. 5	Pr. 6	Total
Carlton H. Dyer.....	563	461	241	305	290	247	2107
Walter B. Skinner.....	371	598	717	661	616	541	3504
Blanks	52	134	89	109	95	80	559
	<u>986</u>	<u>1193</u>	<u>1047</u>	<u>1075</u>	<u>1001</u>	<u>868</u>	<u>6170</u>

Walter B. Skinner elected and sworn by Town Clerk.

FOR WATER COMMISSIONER AND COMMISSIONER OF
SINKING FUND
(For three years)

	Pr. 1	Pr. 2	Pr. 3	Pr. 4	Pr. 5	Pr. 6	Total
Joseph Landers	747	962	943	975	712	652	4991
Blanks	239	231	104	100	289	216	1179
	<u>986</u>	<u>1193</u>	<u>1047</u>	<u>1075</u>	<u>1001</u>	<u>868</u>	<u>6170</u>

Joseph Landers elected and sworn by Town Clerk.

FOR SCHOOL COMMITTEE

(For three years)

	Pr. 1	Pr. 2	Pr. 3	Pr. 4	Pr. 5	Pr. 6	Total
Harriet B. W. Kimball.....	299	378	377	387	445	432	2318
Archie T. Morrison.....	561	653	671	712	554	615	3766
Harold R. Quimby.....	510	755	626	578	364	324	3157
Blanks	602	600	420	473	639	365	3099
	1972	2386	2094	2150	2002	1736	12340

Archie T. Morrison and Harold R. Quimby elected and sworn by Town Clerk.

MUNICIPAL LIGHTING BOARD

(For three years)

	Pr. 1	Pr. 2	Pr. 3	Pr. 4	Pr. 5	Pr. 6	Total
Thomas F. Anderson.....	118	162	76	65	86	95	602
Joseph P. Barrett.....	178	219	115	201	224	174	1111
Shelley A. Neal.....	295	467	553	466	410	379	2570
G. Arnold Prescott.....	256	211	227	253	118	98	1163
Blanks	139	134	76	90	163	122	724
	986	1193	1047	1075	1001	868	6170

Shelley A. Neal elected and sworn by Town Clerk.

BOARD OF HEALTH

(For three years)

	Pr. 1	Pr. 2	Pr. 3	Pr. 4	Pr. 5	Pr. 6	Total
James F. Mattie.....	320	355	234	382	421	359	2071
Deane R. Walker.....	513	694	730	625	475	396	3433
Blanks	153	144	83	68	105	113	666
	986	1193	1047	1075	1001	868	6170

Deane R. Walker elected and sworn by Town Clerk.

SEWER COMMISSIONER

(For three years)

	Pr. 1	Pr. 2	Pr. 3	Pr. 4	Pr. 5	Pr. 6	Total
Samuel M. Ellsworth.....	712	978	941	970	668	647	4916
Blanks	274	215	106	105	333	221	1254
	986	1193	1047	1075	1001	868	6170

Samuel M. Ellsworth elected and sworn by Town Clerk.

PARK COMMISSIONER

(For three years)

	Pr. 1	Pr. 2	Pr. 3	Pr. 4	Pr. 5	Pr. 6	Total
Edward D. Brown.....	346	403	353	321	310	340	2073
Harry F. Vinton, Jr.....	452	595	585	623	491	404	3150
Blanks	188	195	109	131	200	124	947
	986	1193	1047	1075	1001	868	6170

Harry F. Vinton, Jr. elected and sworn by Town Clerk.

TAX COLLECTOR

(For one year)

	Pr. 1	Pr. 2	Pr. 3	Pr. 4	Pr. 5	Pr. 6	Total
George H. Gerrior, Jr.....	740	1041	956	962	771	731	5201
Blanks	246	152	91	113	230	137	969
	<u>986</u>	<u>1193</u>	<u>1047</u>	<u>1075</u>	<u>1001</u>	<u>868</u>	<u>6170</u>

George H. Gerrior, Jr. elected and sworn by Town Clerk.

TREE WARDEN

(For one year)

	Pr. 1	Pr. 2	Pr. 3	Pr. 4	Pr. 5	Pr. 6	Total
Clarence R. Bestick.....	375	475	496	580	482	436	2844
Howard S. Innis.....	174	156	107	158	232	177	1004
John H. Sweezey.....	360	461	404	267	184	169	1845
Blanks	77	101	40	70	103	86	477
	<u>986</u>	<u>1193</u>	<u>1047</u>	<u>1075</u>	<u>1001</u>	<u>868</u>	<u>6170</u>

Clarence R. Bestick elected and sworn by Town Clerk.

PLANNING BOARD

(For three years)

	Pr. 1	Pr. 2	Pr. 3	Pr. 4	Pr. 5	Pr. 6	Total
James F. Brittain.....	731	905	783	964	590	540	4513
Howard J. Williams.....	720	903	602	956	560	433	4174
Blanks	521	578	709	230	852	763	3653
	<u>1972</u>	<u>2386</u>	<u>2094</u>	<u>2150</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>1736</u>	<u>12340</u>

James F. Brittain and Howard J. Williams elected and sworn by Town Clerk.

FOR CONSTABLES

(One year)

	Pr. 1	Pr. 2	Pr. 3	Pr. 4	Pr. 5	Pr. 6	Total
George F. Allsopp.....	700	788	587	1050	567	562	4254
Harvey J. Annis.....	700	796	588	1033	582	558	4257
Gustaf Arnoldson, Jr.....	700	804	636	1050	536	543	4269
Clarence R. Bestick.....	700	816	579	1046	580	570	4291
Henry B. Brown, Jr.....	700	829	613	1018	574	539	4273
Edward J. Drysdale.....	700	846	561	1029	577	551	4264
Silvio Ferrante	700	841	582	1010	558	556	4247
E. Stanley Fraser.....	700	850	573	1054	550	539	4266
William J. Gauthier.....	700	832	571	1052	564	538	4257
John J. Heaney.....	700	841	589	1060	593	575	4358
Harvey Howe	700	799	620	1032	569	555	4275
H. Winthrop S. Roberts	700	837	650	1057	482	560	4286
John P. Shay.....	700	837	639	1059	569	543	4347
L. Daniel Shields.....	700	854	600	1042	548	541	4285
Robert A. Tenney.....	700	804	600	1042	570	546	4262
Blanks	4290	5521	6717	491	6596	4744	28,359
	<u>14,790</u>	<u>17,895</u>	<u>15,705</u>	<u>16,125</u>	<u>15,015</u>	<u>13,020</u>	<u>92,550</u>

Above candidates elected and sworn by Town Clerk.

TOWN MEETING MEMBERS

PRECINCT 1

Joseph Aiello	263	†Harvard D. Littlefield.....	377
†Harvey J. Annis.....	348	*Charles G. Lord.....	442
*John Francis Barrett.....	587	Joseph B. Lucie.....	310
Frank Basile	285	Joseph M. Magaldi.....	234
†Ellen K. Benson.....	408	†Edward J. Meaney.....	391
*Warren E. Benson.....	455	Joseph Meliconda	237
John G. Berg.....	251	Andrew A. Nichols	259
†George E. Bowker.....	382	*Nahum R. Pillsbury.....	458
Angelo M. Carlino.....	252	†Frank S. Post.....	355
†H. Irving Charnock.....	354	†Elizabeth M. Prario.....	361
†Richard F. Corrigan.....	416	†Merton L. Pratt.....	389
Domenico Costantino	246	*G. Arnold Prescott.....	419
Alice M. D'Acci.....	229	Parker W. Richards.....	287
Vito M. D'Acci.....	250	Joseph F. Riley.....	246
*John F. Day.....	421	†H. Winthrop S. Roberts.....	386
†Stuart M. Dimock.....	391	Frank R. Santosuosso.....	252
†Clifton H. Eadie.....	375	John P. Shay.....	344
*John J. Foley.....	472	Hugh J. Sloan.....	297
Arthur C. Forst.....	325	Primo Spera	288
Albert E. P. Frost.....	277	Paul W. Spickard.....	329
*Nicola A. Galotti.....	431	†Hobart W. Spring.....	350
†Arthur R. Gates.....	411	†Harry I. Stoddard	369
*Thomas H. Gould	479	*Cornelius A. Sullivan.....	523
Lawrence W. Griffin.....	274	†Cornelius L. Sullivan.....	417
*Ray S. Hubbard.....	449	†John M. Sullivan	376
Knute Ingmanson	344	†James T. Templeton.....	355
*Ernest J. Janssen.....	420	†Russell White	394
†Carl J. Knutson.....	363	*Robert E. Whitman.....	433
†Henry C. Lake.....	405	†Ira R. Young.....	395
†John Francis Leetch.....	346	†Felice Zampine	367
Joseph A. Zanghi.....	237		

* Candidates elected for 3-year term.

† Candidates elected for 2-year term.

‡ Candidates elected for 1-year term.

TOWN MEETING MEMBERS

PRECINCT 2

E. Arnold Allen.....	269	A. Cushing Cutler.....	306
†Frank C. Allen.....	439	†Chester W. Daily.....	436
Thomas F. Anderson.....	280	Antonio DeCosta	295
*Felix H. Atkinson.....	593	Arthur R. DeCosta.....	185
*Fred Austerberry.....	520	†John F. Diauto	369
†Albert Avitabile	387	Frederick M. Dominick.....	310
†Harrison W. Bailey.....	379	William F. Dugan.....	214
†James F. Brittain.....	355	Warren W. Dyer.....	327
†William G. Brooks.....	452	†William D. Dyer.....	409
†Gordon W. Bryant.....	431	†Helen M. Ellsworth.....	394
*Daniel F. Caskin.....	530	Michael Eosue	281
Kazar Charles	195	*William D. Ewing.....	509
†Harry L. Chase, Jr.....	401	Charles H. Frankenberg.....	263
William E. Condon.....	228	Christine B. French	296
John N. Connelly.....	215	*Jonathan W. French.....	514
Martin J. Connolly.....	273	†Earl D. Gilliatt.....	360
Frances L. Conway	197	John H. Gorman.....	334
†James Henry Corrigan.....	369	William Gray	213
Paisley S. Crowe.....	340	†Arthur L. Hale.....	368
*Charles R. Cummings.....	464	Clayton D. Hayden.....	286

M. Winslow Haynes.....	312	*Otis B. Oakman.....	573
*Walter R. Howland.....	534	Tage I. Olson.....	235
*James L. Jordan.....	468	Belle L. Palmer.....	272
*Roger Lakin.....	502	Stanley E. Pearson.....	259
*Joseph Landers.....	512	Mary L. Perry.....	221
Joseph M. LeVangie.....	271	†Carl H. Pinkham.....	350
†Harold T. Lingham.....	373	Samuel Pino.....	216
George R. Locke.....	304	*Norton P. Potter.....	509
Bryce M. Lockwood.....	287	†Arthur E. Quimby.....	347
Benjamin R. Longabard.....	139	†Harold R. Quimby.....	399
Peter Magazu.....	313	William F. Shea.....	213
Thelma F. McConnell.....	147	Harry A. Simonds.....	338
†Michael McSharry.....	388	Harry S. Snow.....	326
Henry C. Merriam.....	308	†Raymond L. Strangford.....	393
Andrew B. Moline.....	284	John J. Sweeney.....	196
†Lyman H. Morrison.....	346	John H. Sweezey.....	340
*Joseph W. Mulcahy.....	453	†Elwyn F. Sylvester.....	379
†Thomas J. Murphy.....	344	†Clifford Taylor.....	366
William J. Murphy, Jr.....	195	†Merton A. Turner.....	361
Charles G. Newcomb.....	340	Homer L. Walters.....	288
†Harold E. Norris.....	382	†Robert B. Wentworth.....	373
*George T. Woodsum.....		555	

* Candidates elected for 3-year term.

† Candidates elected for 2-year term.

‡ Candidates elected for 1-year term.

TOWN MEETING MEMBERS

PRECINCT 3

*Andrew J. Alden.....	486	†Leo J. Hart.....	403
Herman E. Allen.....	333	Frank L. Heaney.....	224
A. Conrad Anderson.....	323	*Henry D. Higgins.....	567
Joseph P. Anderson.....	238	*J. Arthur Hillier.....	506
Gordon M. Baird.....	306	†George A. Hitchcock.....	464
*Amos C. Bartlett.....	507	George Hunter.....	275
†Marjorie Bates.....	424	†Cynthia B. Hurst.....	405
†Robert S. Beck.....	381	Mabel L. Kinna.....	323
†Gordon L. F. Belyea.....	390	Frank B. Klaus.....	164
†Clarence R. Bestick.....	385	Albert R. Klay.....	297
C. Earle Bestick.....	294	William F. Lammers.....	321
Muriel A. Bestick.....	228	Mary D. Learned.....	338
*Howard B. Blewett.....	550	Carl G. Makepeace.....	315
*Sophy G. Blunt.....	491	Charles W. Mann.....	304
*Herbert O. Boardman.....	488	Kenneth J. McCumber.....	323
†Harry W. Bond.....	456	†Will R. Minchin.....	451
Edward D. Brown.....	288	Christine K. Moore.....	240
†Frank M. Brownell.....	431	John E. Morcom.....	335
†Earle S. Bucknam.....	354	*Shelley A. Neal.....	487
*George T. Burnham.....	488	†Eugene T. Nolte.....	438
†Avon C. Chisholm.....	385	*Mortimer N. Peck.....	522
*William J. Connell.....	529	†Charles F. Powers.....	462
Alexander Diotte.....	202	†Lucius A. Qualey.....	483
Lloyd A. Earle.....	281	†Bert H. Reed.....	370
†Charles M. Estabrook.....	479	†Albert E. Roberts.....	481
†Frank A. Ewart.....	432	†Elliott B. Rollins.....	374
Reginald P. Fitzgerald.....	345	Charles F. Schell.....	311
Joseph W. Flaherty.....	191	Virgie M. Sears.....	326
William J. Gauthier.....	182	J. Davis Shuster.....	327
Joseph P. Goulding.....	142	William H. Sprague.....	325
Laurence W. Guild.....	347	William W. Thomas.....	321
†Warren F. Hall.....	423	Harry F. Vinton.....	294

Harry F. Vinton, Jr.....	335	‡Joseph H. Wilder.....	367
‡Frank H. Walker.....	412	*Ralph H. Williams.....	537
*George E. Warren.....	517	*Ralph B. Woodsum.....	537
E. Forrest Watkins.....	245	†Charles W. Woodworth.....	473
Carroll D. Welch.....	347	†Ray O. Worthen.....	426
‡Howard C. White.....	377	‡Austin E. Wynot.....	360
Harold G. Wynot.....	275		

* Candidates elected for 3-year term.

† Candidates elected for 2-year term.

‡ Candidates elected for 1-year term.

TOWN MEETING MEMBERS

PRECINCT 4

*Elmer A. Anderson.....	414	Edward P. Long.....	308
*George L. Anderson.....	541	Ralph W. Maglathlin.....	290
‡Gustaf Arnoldson, Jr.....	338	Frank T. Maguire.....	289
Abbott F. Baker.....	264	James T. Mahar.....	286
‡Richard M. Barnes.....	338	Stephen A. Maloney.....	279
†Joseph P. Barrett.....	405	Frederic S. Mann.....	331
Ernest G. Becker.....	284	Laurence H. Mattie.....	258
‡Francis S. Carter.....	335	Walter James Mattie.....	260
Arthur J. Cavanagh.....	362	Chester M. Mattson.....	272
†Frederick Arthur Collier.....	401	George T. McArthur.....	190
Joseph A. Cotter.....	252	John R. McGrath.....	223
Daniel M. Davies.....	244	Charles H. McLaughlin.....	219
Patrick T. Donahue.....	294	Joseph T. McLaughlin.....	180
*Alva M. Dow, Jr.....	438	Charles S. McLean.....	221
*Joseph S. Drinkwater.....	417	Walter E. Morrison.....	321
†George W. Duffee.....	384	Clarence A. Murphy.....	258
Earl H. Ervien.....	306	William L. Newell.....	242
*Edith L. French.....	517	Walter J. O'Brien.....	231
*Charles W. Gillies.....	414	Albert J. Owens.....	323
‡Henry W. Grady.....	333	‡Russell L. Patten.....	351
Thomas R. Griffin.....	242	†Victor S. Petterson.....	368
William H. Gustafson.....	313	‡Norris H. Pinault.....	356
*Rowena L. Hall.....	414	†Henry C. Pomeroy.....	363
†J. Francis Halloran.....	381	*Eben Prescott.....	409
†James E. Harcourt.....	391	‡Walter E. Richards.....	337
*Frank E. Hopkins.....	418	‡Edwin N. Richardson.....	349
†Thomas R. Huleatt.....	405	†Henry B. Robertson.....	369
*Atherton N. Hunt.....	464	†Mabel S. Rogers.....	373
†Thomas B. Hutchinson.....	369	Fred K. Simon.....	362
‡Arthur Hylen.....	340	‡Ernest G. Smith.....	346
William G. Iliffe.....	362	Fred A. Spiess.....	325
*James H. Jenkins, Jr.....	488	‡William J. Stevenson.....	334
*Wallace M. Kemp.....	509	Arthur P. Terrell.....	326
George S. Killam.....	294	John F. Tolleson.....	306
*Henry F. Knight.....	452	‡J. Fred Trainor.....	335
Albert M. Kormann.....	281	‡Robert G. Wade.....	354
*Minnie C. Lawley.....	432	Foster B. Waters.....	275
†Alice G. Lewis.....	364	Sydney West.....	320

* Candidates elected for 3-year term.

† Candidates elected for 2-year term.

‡ Candidates elected for 1-year term.

TOWN MEETING MEMBERS

PRECINCT 5

*Louise E. R. Alexander.....	433	*J. Caleb Justice.....	456
*Morrill R. Allen.....	381	†Martin J. Kelley.....	305
‡Elton E. Almquist.....	269	†Charles W. Laing.....	335
Raymond F. Anderson.....	250	*Frank P. Lord.....	352
‡John J. Atkinson.....	296	†Jessie Macgregor.....	321
John J. Barrett, Jr.....	244	Charles Joseph Masterson.....	187
*Fred Belyea.....	375	Charles W. Matthews.....	258
†Charles E. Bishop.....	317	Alice McPeak.....	237
†Amos S. Buker.....	334	Thomas F. Messenger.....	221
†Charles H. Buker.....	317	†Albert P. Nelson.....	303
Everett Alton Buker.....	189	Allison W. Palmer.....	263
‡William J. Burns.....	278	‡William A. Reed.....	290
†John J. Canavan.....	305	Albert T. Rhodes.....	187
*John A. Cassidy.....	384	‡Albert L. Rice.....	271
†Ralph P. Chadbourne.....	321	Russell P. Robery.....	268
*Robert A. Chambers.....	350	‡John A. Ryan.....	290
*John F. Clinton.....	387	*Walter B. Skinner.....	399
Lawrence D. Cormier.....	239	Leo F. Starr.....	268
Ervin Davis.....	242	John M. Stevenson.....	176
Albert F. Donovan.....	214	*Henry H. Storm.....	398
‡Henry Downes.....	293	Arabella D. Studley.....	174
*Walter S. Drake.....	391	Seward W. Taber.....	255
†Francis J. Early.....	299	William B. Taylor.....	205
George F. Eastman.....	198	‡Charles C. Temple.....	276
†William G. Edson.....	323	‡Walter E. Thompson.....	288
Harry M. Faunce.....	215	†Laurence A. Trainor.....	300
*Robert Gibson.....	372	Louis J. Trojano.....	225
Paul L. Goodhue.....	241	†George A. Walker.....	317
Louis B. Gunville.....	244	‡William Walker.....	277
*Joseph A. Haley.....	367	Charles K. West.....	176
Arthur G. Hough.....	263	Stanley L. Westover.....	120
Harvey Howe.....	158	John C. Wilder.....	260
‡Margaret W. Johnson.....	283	Josephine C. Wilson.....	201
		‡John A. Wishart.....	288

* Candidates elected for 3-year term.

† Candidates elected for 2-year term.

‡ Candidates elected for 1-year term.

TOWN MEETING MEMBERS

PRECINCT 6

‡Paul Bailey.....	362	†Ruby Keigan.....	406
*John E. Cannon.....	427	†Harriet B. W. Kimball.....	403
†Joseph J. Carty.....	403	†John J. Lambert.....	420
†Daniel J. Cregan.....	415	‡Durant E. Lathrop.....	390
*Walter E. Delory.....	451	‡Samuel M. Lennon.....	386
*Frank H. Diekmeyer.....	448	William H. Lennon.....	264
*Walter Edward Erwin.....	519	Edward H. Libertine.....	343
Ernest O. Falardeau.....	340	Emilie Libertine.....	195
Silvio Ferrante.....	234	†Alfred T. Little.....	418
*Theodore E. Fogg.....	532	Judson H. MacBay.....	318
†Edward G. Frey.....	402	†Robert Marsh.....	394
*Reuben H. Frogel.....	434	*W. Homer Melville.....	526
Christopher M. Garland.....	327	†William C. Mitchell.....	415
†John F. Harkin.....	402	‡Alexander C. Murray.....	375
*Helen M. Harmon.....	442	Edward R. Myrbeck.....	341
Patrick J. Hayes.....	317	‡George W. Nelson.....	365

*Russell Oliver	429	Frank C. Turner.....	207
*Raymond P. Palmer.....	488	†Ernest M. Vaughan.....	351
‡William H. Pratt, Jr.....	367	‡Ernest M. Wells.....	356
‡Simon B. Rideout.....	390	Alphonse V. White.....	288
Wellesley G. Roberts.....	280	‡Lloyd A. Winkler.....	378
‡Edward J. Rose	367	‡E. Chester Wright.....	388
†Walter F. Schofield.....	395	*G. Ralph Young.....	421
†John H. Stenberg.....	393	Daniel F. Corcoran.....	52
*Carl Streiferd	470	Scattering	9

* Candidates elected for 3-year term.

† Candidates elected for 2-year term.

‡ Candidates elected for 1-year term.

A true copy, Attest:

ERNEST C. WOODSUM,
Town Clerk.

SPECIAL MEETING OF TOWN MEETING MEMBERS

Braintree, March 13, 1939

A special meeting of Town Meeting members elected from Precinct 1 was held at the Town Hall, 6:45 P.M., March 13, 1939. The meeting was called to order by Ernest C. Woodsum, Town Clerk, for the purpose of organizing temporarily, in order to determine by ballot, certain tie votes resulting in the election of Town Meeting members from said precinct.

John J. Foley was nominated for Temporary Clerk. There being no other nominations and a vote being taken, John Foley was unanimously chosen Temporary Clerk and having been duly sworn, thereafter presided until the election of a Temporary Chairman.

Ernest J. Janssen was nominated for Temporary Chairman. There being no other nominations and a vote being taken, Ernest J. Janssen was unanimously chosen Temporary Chairman.

The only business to come before the meeting being the taking of a ballot to determine a tie between Knute Ingmanson and John P. Shay, for the election to the one year term as Town Meeting member. Tellers were appointed by the Chair and ballots distributed. The ballots being received and counted, it was declared by the Chair that each candidate involved in the tie vote had received at this meeting the number of votes set opposite his name.

Name	Votes
Knute Ingmanson	24
John P. Shay	3

Knute Ingmanson was declared duly elected a member of the Town Meeting for a one year term.

Voted to adjourn at 7:10 P.M.

JOHN J. FOLEY,
Temporary Clerk.

Attest:

ERNEST C. WOODSUM,
Town Clerk.

SPECIAL MEETING OF TOWN MEETING MEMBERS

Braintree, March 13, 1939

A special meeting of Town Meeting members elected from Precinct 2 was held at the Town Hall, 6:45 P.M., March 13, 1939. The meeting was called to order by Ernest C. Woodsum, Town Clerk, for the purpose of organizing temporarily, in order to determine by ballot, certain tie votes resulting in the election of Town Meeting members from said precinct.

Daniel F. Caskin was nominated for Temporary Clerk. There being no other nominations and a vote being taken, Daniel F. Caskin was unanimously chosen Temporary Clerk, and having been duly sworn, thereafter presided until the election of a Temporary Chairman.

Joseph Landers was nominated for Temporary Chairman. There being no other nominations and a vote being taken, Joseph Landers was unanimously chosen Temporary Chairman.

The only business to come before the meeting being the taking of a ballot to determine a tie between Paisley S. Crowe, Charles G. Newcomb and John H. Sweezey, for the election to the one year term as Town Meeting member. Tellers were appointed by the Chair and ballots distributed. The ballots being received and counted, it was declared by the Chair that each candidate involved in the tie vote had received at this meeting, the number of votes set opposite his name:

Name	Votes
Paisley S. Crowe	3
Charles G. Newcomb	23
John H. Sweezey	7

Charles G. Newcomb was declared duly elected a member of the Town Meeting for a one year term.

Voted to adjourn, 7:12 P.M.

DANIEL F. CASKIN,
Temporary Clerk.

Attest:

ERNEST C. WOODSUM,
Town Clerk.

SPECIAL MEETING OF TOWN MEETING MEMBERS

Braintree, March 13, 1939

A special meeting of Town Meeting members elected from Precinct 3 was held at the Town Hall, 6:45 P.M., March 13, 1939. The meeting was called to order by Ernest C. Woodsum, Town Clerk, for the purpose of organizing temporarily, in order to determine by ballot, certain tie votes resulting in the election of Town Meeting members from said precinct.

George A. Hitchcock was nominated for Temporary Clerk. There being no other nominations and a vote being taken, George A. Hitchcock was unanimously chosen Temporary Clerk, and having been duly sworn, thereafter presided until the election of a Temporary Chairman.

Will R. Minchin was nominated for Temporary Chairman. There being no other nominations and a vote being taken, Will R. Minchin was unanimously chosen Temporary Chairman.

The only business to come before the meeting being the taking of a ballot to determine a tie between Laurence W. Guild and Carroll D. Welch, for the election to the one year term as Town Meeting member. Tellers were appointed by the Chair and ballots distributed. The ballots being received and counted, it was declared by the Chair that each candidate involved in the tie vote had received at this meeting, the number of votes set opposite his name.

Name	Votes
Laurence W. Guild	12
Carroll D. Welch	15

Carroll D. Welch was declared duly elected a member of the Town Meeting for a one year term.

Voted to adjourn.

GEORGE A. HITCHCOCK,
Temporary Clerk.

Attest:

ERNEST C. WOODSUM,
Town Clerk.

SPECIAL MEETING OF TOWN MEETING MEMBERS

Braintree, March 13, 1939

A special meeting of Town Meeting members elected from Precinct 4 was held at the Town Hall, 6:45 P.M., March 13, 1939. The meeting was called to order by Ernest C. Woodsum, Town Clerk, for the purpose of organizing temporarily, in order to determine by ballot, certain tie votes resulting in the election of Town Meeting members from said precinct.

Atherton N. Hunt was nominated for Temporary Clerk. There being no other nominations and a vote being taken, Atherton N. Hunt was unanimously chosen Temporary Clerk, and having been duly sworn, thereafter presided until the election of a Temporary Chairman.

George L. Anderson was nominated for Temporary Chairman. There being no other nominations and a vote being taken, George L. Anderson was unanimously chosen Temporary Chairman.

The only business to come before the meeting being the determination of a tie vote between Arthur J. Cavanagh, William G. Iliffe and Fred K. Simon, for the two year term as Town Meeting members. Tellers were appointed and ballots distributed. The Chair announced that on the ballot the highest two of the three involved in the tie, would be entitled to the two year terms. The third, having been duly elected would be entitled to a one year term. The ballots being received and counted, it was declared that those involved in the tie received the number of votes set opposite their names.

Name	Votes
Arthur J. Cavanagh	8
William G. Iliffe	30
Fred K. Simon	24

William G. Iliffe and Fred K. Simon were declared duly elected for the two year term as Town Meeting members and Arthur J. Cavanagh for the one year term.

Voted to adjourn.

ATHERTON N. HUNT,
Temporary Clerk.

Attest:

ERNEST C. WOODSUM,
Town Clerk.

SPECIAL MEETING OF TOWN MEETING MEMBERS

Braintree, March 13, 1939

A special meeting of Town Meeting members elected from Precinct 5 was held at the Town Hall, 6:45 P.M., March 13, 1939. The meeting was called to order by Ernest C. Woodsum, Town Clerk, for the purpose of organizing temporarily, in order to determine by ballot, certain tie votes resulting in the election of Town Meeting members from said precinct.

Walter B. Skinner was nominated for Temporary Clerk. There being no other nominations, and a vote being taken, Walter B. Skinner was unanimously chosen Temporary Clerk, and having been duly sworn, thereafter presided until the election of a Temporary Chairman.

Henry H. Storm was nominated for Temporary Chairman. There being no other nominations and a vote being taken, Henry H. Storm was unanimously chosen Temporary Chairman.

The only business to come before the meeting being the taking of a ballot to determine a tie between Russell P. Robery and Leo F. Starr, for the election to the one year term as Town Meeting member. Tellers were appointed by the Chair and ballots distributed. The ballots being received and counted, it was declared by the Chair that each candidate involved in the tie vote had received at this meeting, the number of votes set opposite his name.

Name	Votes
Russell P. Robery	2
Leo F. Starr	28
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Leo F. Starr was declared duly elected a member of the Town Meeting for a one year term.

Voted to adjourn.

WALTER B. SKINNER,
Temporary Clerk.

Attest:

ERNEST C. WOODSUM,
Town Clerk.

March 13, 1939.

The Annual Town Meeting was called to order at 7:50 P.M. by Moderator William F. Rogers. The Town Meeting Members were checked on entering—216 present.

Mr. George A. Hitchcock suggested that as this was the first meeting under the Limited Form of Town Meeting, it be opened with an invocation. Moderator William F. Rogers asked the Reverend G. H. Leining to give the invocation.

Town Meeting Members present were dully sworn into office by the Town Clerk, Ernest C. Woodsum.

ARTICLE 1.

Voted: To elect three Measurers of Wood and Weighers of Hay: Willard P. Sheppard, Wilford F. Woodsum and R. Allen Gage elected.

Voted: To elect three Measurers of Lumber: Herbert W. Borden, Shelley A. Neal and Charles O. Miller elected.

Voted: That this meeting does hereby adjudge that the following individuals have been duly elected and are qualified to act as members of this meeting, for the terms set opposite their respective names; this vote being taken to confirm the action of the several precinct groups of members, in determining the result on ties existing in the election in their precinct:

Precinct Number	Name	Term
1	Knute Ingmanson	1 Year
2	Charles G. Newcomb	1 Year
3	Carroll D. Welch	1 Year
4	William G. Iliffe	2 Years
4	Fred K. Simon	2 Years
4	Arthur J. Cavanagh	1 Year
5	Leo F. Starr	1 Year

ARTICLE 2.

Voted: That Article 2 be taken up in conjunction with other articles in the warrant.

ARTICLE 3.

Voted: That the Town authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1939, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws.—Unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 4.

Voted: That the Town authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1940, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with the provisions of Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws.—Unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 5.

Voted: That the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, be and hereby is instructed and authorized to borrow for ordinary maintenance expenses of the Town the sum of \$50,000.00 but in no event a sum in excess of the amount of tax titles taken or held by the Town, and to issue a note or notes of the Town therefor, all in accordance with provisions of Chapter 49 of the Acts of 1933, as most recently amended by Chapter 281 of the Acts of 1936.—Unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 6.

Voted: That the Town will hold its Treasurer harmless on his bond for any loss which may arise from the failure of any National Bank or Trust Company in which the funds of the Town may be on deposit, said Bank or Trust Company being designated by the Selectmen.

ARTICLE 7.

Voted: That the Town will hold its Collector harmless on his bond for any loss which may arise from the failure of any National Bank or Trust Company in which the funds of the Town may be on deposit, said Bank or Trust Company being designated by the Selectmen.

Mr. Bartlett moved: That we should stand in memory of Alexander A. Carson, who served the Town faithfully as Electric Light Commissioner for a period of thirty years, and did a wonderful job. The assembly stood in silent prayer.

ARTICLE 8.

Voted: That there be appropriated the sum of \$10,000.00 for a Reserve Fund for extraordinary and unforeseen expenditures during the current year, to be raised as follows:

From the Tax Levy	\$ 8,275.80
From the Reserve Fund Overlay	1,490.95
From the New South West School Construction Account	233.25
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	\$10,000.00

ARTICLE 9.

Voted: For Maturing Debt: The appropriation of \$95,000.00 to be raised as follows:

For School Bonds	\$56,000.00
For Central Station Bonds	8,000.00
For Sewer Bonds	20,000.00
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Total from Tax Levy	\$84,000.00
For Sewer Bonds from W.P.A. Grant	8,000.00
For Water Bonds from the surplus and income of the Water Department	3,000.00
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	\$95,000.00

Voted: For Interest: The Appropriation of \$34,775.00 to be raised as follows:

For School Loans	\$ 8,630.00	
For Central Station Loan	2,080.00	
For Anticipation of Revenue and other short term Loans	5,000.00	
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Total from Tax Levy		\$15,710.00
For Sewer Loans, from the surplus and income of the Sewer Department		18,825.00
For Water Loans, from the surplus and income of the Water Department		240.00
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		\$34,775.00

ARTICLE 10.

Voted: To appropriate the following sums of money for Insurance on Town property and Workingmen's Compensation:

For Employees' Compensation Insurance	\$ 3,000.00
For Fire Insurance, Buildings and Contents	2,423.43
For Automobile Liability	1,034.00
For Automobile Fire and Theft	150.00
For Forgery—Treasurer	75.00
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	\$ 6,682.43

Mr. Ira Young moved: That none of this money be expended for private cars. So voted.

ARTICLE 11.

Voted: To appropriate the sum of \$9,733.51 for the Norfolk County Hospital Assessment, for maintenance and repairs.

ARTICLE 12.

Voted: To appropriate the sum of \$12,000.00 for Street Lighting.

ARTICLE 13.

Voted: To appropriate the sum of \$1,370.90 for the payment of printing and distribution of the Annual Report of the Town of Braintree for 1938.

ARTICLE 14.

Voted: That the income from the Charles Thayer Trust Fund for 1939 be distributed as follows:

For the Dyer Hill Cemetery: To be expended under the direction of Otis B. Oakman and Charles S. Mar- shall	\$ 50.00
Thayer Public Library, for the purchase of new books	250.00

Park Department:

Precinct 1 and 2	\$75.00	
Precinct 3 and 4	75.00	
Precinct 5 and 6	75.00	225.00
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		\$525.00

ARTICLE 15.

Voted: That the sum of \$5,000.00 be appropriated for Land Damages.

Mr. Henry W. Grady offered the following Resolution: That no salary increases be granted to any Town official for the year 1939. Carried—8:55.

SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES

ARTICLE 16.

Mr. Henry W. Grady moved: That the Salary of the Superintendent of Schools be set at \$4,500.00.—Carried.

Voted: That the following sums of money be appropriated for the support of the Public Schools for the present year:

For Salary of Superintendent.....	\$ 4,500.00
For Other Salaries	266,400.00
For Text Books	8,000.00
For Supplies	9,000.00
For Expenses	43,425.00
For Sprinkler System, Penniman School.....	2,000.00
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	\$333,325.00

To be raised as follows:

From the Tax Levy.....	\$281,330.65
From Funds borrowed under Art. 5..	50,000.00
From Dog Tax	1,994.35
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	\$333,325.00

Mr. Rideout moved: That the janitors in the School Department be paid \$1300 per year. Not a vote—9:15.

ARTICLE 17.

Voted: That the Selectmen be authorized to purchase or take by eminent domain, on behalf of the Town, for school purposes, certain land adjoining the Monatiquot School grounds and shown as Lot 8 on Assessors' Plan No. 2031, Plot 24, containing approximately 5394 square feet; and that the sum of \$625.00 be appropriated to pay for the same. Unanimous vote—9:22.

ARTICLE 18.

Voted: That Article 18 be taken up in conjunction with Article 64.

ARTICLE 19.

Voted: To raise and appropriate the following sums of money for the Public Library the present year:

For Salaries	\$8,100.00
For Expenses	6,150.00
For Janitors	616.00
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	\$14,866.00

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

ARTICLE 20.

Voted: To raise and appropriate the following sums of money for GENERAL GOVERNMENT for salaries and expenses for the following departments and other purposes, the present year:

1. Moderator	\$ 25.00	
2. Finance Committee:		
Salary of Secretary	\$ 250.00	
Expenses	650.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 900.00
3. Selectmen:		
Salaries of Board	\$1,837.50	
To be allocated \$650.00 each — 2		
\$537.50 — 1		
Salary of Secretary	1,296.00	
Expenses	1,000.00	
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4. Accountant:

Moved: That the sum of \$2,250.00 be appropriated for the salary of the Town Accountant—Not carried.

Voted: That the sum of \$2,000.00 be appropriated for the salary of the Town Accountant—Carried.—9:28.

Clerk	\$ 936.00	
Expenses	355.50	
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5. Town Engineer:		
Salary of Engineer	\$2,500.00	
Other Salaries	3,656.00	
Expenses	715.00	
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6. Assessors:		
Salaries of Board	\$3,000.00	
To be allocated \$1,000.00		
to each Assessor		
Clerical Help	3,289.00	
Expenses	1,755.00	
Investigations	100.00	
	<hr/>	\$8,144.00

7. Treasurer:

Moved: That the sum of \$2,250.00 be appropriated for the salary of the Treasurer—Not carried.

Voted: That the sum of \$2,000.00 be appropriated for the salary of the Treasurer—Carried.—9:32.

Clerical Help	\$1,872.00	
Expenses	4,500.00	
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8. Tax Collector:		
Salary, Collector	\$2,000.00	
Salary, Deputy	1,300.00	
Clerical Help	1,460.00	
Recording Deeds and Advertising	900.00	
Expenses	2,090.00	
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9. Town Clerk:		
Salary	\$2,000.00	
Expenses	1,112.00	
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10. Election:		
Election Officials and Janitors	\$ 641.00	
Expenses	894.60	
	<hr/>	\$1,535.60

Registration:	
Salaries of Registrars	\$ 300.00
To be allocated \$100.00 for each Registrar.	
Extra Compensation	1,000.00
Clerical Help	390.00
Expenses	1,650.00
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	\$3,340.00
11. Law:	
Salary of Town Counsel	\$2,000.00
Expenses	850.00
Settlement of Suits	1,500.00
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	\$4,350.00
12. Maintenance of Municipal Buildings:	
Salaries, Janitors—Town Hall	\$2,504.00
Maintenance, Town Hall	2,700.00
Maintenance, Central Station	1,200.00
Fuel Oil for Central Station	1,100.00
Maintenance—Legion Building	1,000.00
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	\$8,504.00
13. Contributory Retirement System:	
Clerk	\$ 204.00
Expenses	200.00
Interest Deficiency on Funds	105.50
Pensions	6,405.02
Pensions Accumulation Fund	14,597.00
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	\$21,511.52

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

ARTICLE 1.

Voted: That Article 1 of the Special Town Meeting, running concurrently with the Annual Town Meeting, be taken up at this time.

Moved: To extend for a period, or periods, not exceeding in the aggregate six months beyond the maximum term provided by law for an original revenue loan, any loan issued in anticipation of the revenue of 1938, provided that the loans so extended shall not exceed the total amount of \$100,000.00.

Mr. Anderson offered the following amendment: To substitute the word "Refund" for the word "Extend." Not carried.

Mr. Grady moved: That this matter be laid on the table until next Monday night. Carried—10:09.

ARTICLE 21—ANNUAL TOWN MEETING.

Mr. Grady moved: That this article be referred to the Board of Selectmen for a report at an adjournment of this meeting on next Monday evening specifying the amount of money necessary for W.P.A. and Special Aid Work projects.—Carried 10:23.

Moved: That we adjourn until one week from tonight—Not carried 10:24.

ARTICLE 22.

Mr. Trainor moved: That Article 22 be laid on the table until next meeting. Not carried.

Voted: That there be raised and appropriated the sum of \$1,000.00 to meet certain incidental and miscellaneous expenses not otherwise provided for, namely, General Government Incidentals, the same to be in addition to any sums previously appropriated for said purposes. Carried—10:30.

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

ARTICLE 23.

Voted: To raise and appropriate the following sums of money for the protection of persons and property the present year:

1. Lifeguard at Sunset Lake.....	\$ 300.00
2. Building Inspector:	
Salary	\$1,000.00
Expenses	100.00
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	\$1,100.00
3. Sealer of Weights and Measures:	
Salary—April 1 to the end of year.....	\$ 375.00
Expenses	200.00
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	\$ 575.00
4. Tree Warden:	
General Expenses	\$ 300.00
5. Moth Department:	
Salary of Superintendent.....	\$ 125.00
Labor	2,000.00
Expenses	600.00
Repairs to Equipment.....	600.00
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	\$3,325.00
6. Fire Department:	
Salaries	\$39,286.46
Expenses	4,620.00

Voted: That there be raised and appropriated the sum of \$200.00 for the purchase of one new automobile for the use of the Fire Chief, and that the Town authorize that one old automobile now used by the Fire Chief be turned in to the vendor as partial payment for the new automobile. Carried—10:40.

Mr. Foley moved: That we adjourn at 11 o'clock. Carried 10:42.

Mr. Grady moved: That a committee of three, consisting of Mr. Arthur Hillier, Mr. W. J. Connell and Mr. Ira Young investigate the necessity and advisability of buying a new 65 Ft. Aerial Ladder Truck and report back at an adjournment of this meeting on next Monday night. Not carried—10:55.

Mr. Bartlett moved: That the Moderator appoint a Committee of three, one member of which shall be the Chief of the Fire Department, said committee to be authorized to purchase on behalf of the Town one 65 Ft. Service Aerial Ladder Truck at a cost not to exceed \$14,000.00, which sum is hereby appropriated for that purpose. Carried—11:00.

Motion of Mr. Foley: That the Annual and Special Town Meetings now adjourn until one week from tonight, Monday—March 20th—at 7:45 P.M.—Carried 11:00 P.M.

A true copy, Attest:

ERNEST C. WOODSUM,
Town Clerk.

March 20, 1939.

The adjourned Annual and Special Town Meetings were called to order by the Moderator, William F. Rogers, at 8 P.M. There were 211 Town Meeting Members present.

Mr. Bartlett moved: That the reading of the minutes of the last meeting be dispensed with.—Carried.

All Town Meeting Members present were duly sworn into office by the Town Clerk, Ernest C. Woodsum.

Notice was served for reconsideration of Item 5 under Article 23 in relation to the Moth Department.

ARTICLE 23.

Voted: To raise and appropriate the following sums of money for the protection of persons and property the present year:

6. Fire Alarm System:		
Salary, Repairman	\$2,000.00	
Extra Help	565.38	
Expenses	1,585.00	
	<hr/>	\$4,150.38

7. Police Department:

Mr. Foley moved: That the salary of the Janitor of the Police Department be \$975.00.—Carried.

Mr. Bartlett moved: That the salary of the Dog Officer be \$200.00.—Carried.

Police Department:		
Salaries	\$38,725.00	
Vacations	1,209.60	
Sick Leave	400.00	
Expenses	2,772.30	
	<hr/>	\$44,281.90

Voted: That there be raised and appropriated the sum of \$500.00 for the purchase of two new automobiles for the use of the Police Department, and that the Town authorize that two old automobiles now used by the Police Department be turned in to the vendor as partial payment for the new automobiles.—Carried—8:18.

Pensions:		
Former Police Chief—Jeremiah Gallivan	\$1,250.00	
Former Patrolman—August Johnson....	1,000.00	
Former Patrolman—John P. Shay.....	1,000.00	
	<hr/>	\$3,250.00

HEALTH AND SANITATION

ARTICLE 24.

Voted: That the following sums of money be appropriated for Health and Sanitation the present year:

Health Administration:		
Salaries, Board of Health.....	\$ 300.00	
\$100.00 to each member.		
Salary, Health Agent, Milk Inspector and		
Meat and Provision Inspector.....	1,750.00	
Expenses	650.00	

Contagious Diseases	9,000.00	
Collector of Garbage	2,000.00	
Inspection of Plumbing	1,600.00	
Inspector of Animals	200.00	
Testing of Milk	100.00	
Diphtheria Clinic	325.00	
Tuberculosis Prevention	480.00	
Dental Clinic	2,500.00	
Vital Statistics	50.00	
Rabies Clinic	50.00	
Inspector of Slaughtering	75.00	
		<hr/> \$19,080.00

Mr. Murphy offered the following Resolution: That the heads of departments be instructed to give one employee a vacation and that the employees remaining on duty will cover his work.—Not carried—8:28.

ARTICLE 25.

Voted: That there be appropriated the sum of \$95,532.44 for the maintenance and operation of the water supply system, laying and re-laying of water mains, the same to be taken from the surplus of the water revenues as shown on the books December 31, 1938, and from the revenues of the Department for the year 1939; and that the un-expended balances in the following accounts be transferred to Water Department Available Surplus:

Filtration Plant	\$ 175.07
Commercial Lines and Standpipe	556.99
Dike—Great Pond	103.08

ARTICLE 2.

Mr. Ira Young offered the following Resolution: All town officials are hereby appointed as a committee to open the books and records of their respective departments during regular office hours to any town meeting member, except such welfare records as the law requires to be kept confidential.—Carried—8:33.

Mr. Canavan moved: Reconsideration of the vote of the Town under Article 23 with relation to a Service Aerial Ladder-Truck.

The Moderator appointed the following to serve as tellers: Messrs. Skinner, Almquist, Simon, Rice, Jordan, Hale, Allen and Newcomb.

There being 148 in the affirmative and 34 in the negative, the motion to reconsider Article 23 with relation to a Service Aerial Ladder Truck was carried—9:15.

Mr. Atherton Hunt moved: That the subject matter of this article (Article 23) which we are now discussing be referred to the Finance Committee for further consideration and report.—Carried—9:30.

ARTICLE 26.

Voted: That the sum of \$300.00 be appropriated from the income of the Water Department for the salaries of the Water Commissioners.

ARTICLE 27.

Voted: That the sum of \$300.00 be appropriated from the income of the Electric Light Department for the salaries of the Electric Light Commissioners.

Mr. G. Arnold Prescott moved: That the Town instruct the Municipal Lighting Board to give to the citizens a report of progress each year in the Annual Town Report.—Carried—9:36.

ARTICLE 28.

Voted: That there be included in the Tax Levy for electricity used for street lighting the sum of \$12,000.00 as appropriated under Article 12 of this Warrant for the 1939 Annual Town Meeting, and that said sum together with the income from sales of electricity to private consumers, or for current supplied to Municipal Buildings or for Municipal Power and from sale of appliances and jobbing during the current fiscal year, be appropriated for the use of the Municipal Light Plant, the whole to be expended under the direction and control of the Municipal Light Board, for repairs, renewals, new construction and operating expenses of the plant for the present fiscal year, as defined in Section 57 of Chapter 164 of the General Laws, and that, if said income shall exceed the expenses for the fiscal year, such excess shall be transferred to the Construction Fund of said plant and appropriated and used for such additions to the plant as may thereafter be authorized by the Municipal Light Board.—Carried.

ARTICLE 2.

Mr. Cavanaugh offered the following Resolution: That the Electric Light Department cease selling appliances and doing jobbing. Not carried—9:42.

ARTICLE 29.

Voted: That the following sums be appropriated for the purpose of the Sewer Department, to be expended by the Board of Sewer Commissioners:

For Maintenance	\$9,700.00	
For House Connections	7,500.00	
	<hr/>	\$17,200.00

To be raised as follows:

From the Tax Levy	\$7,200.00	
From Sewer Receipts — Reserved for		
Appropriation	10,000.00	
	<hr/>	\$17,200.00

ARTICLE 30.

Voted: That the sum of \$300.00 be raised and appropriated for the salaries of the Board of Sewer Commissioners.—Carried—9:54.

Mr. Henry Storm asked the privilege of the meeting, and stated, "It has been customary from time to time when one of our public servants has been taken from us by death, for an official of the Town to arise to record the feeling of the Town toward the departed.

"Since we met here last Monday evening, our community has suffered a bereavement that touches us all. No words that I might say now would enhance the value of Father Holland's life. He was a true public servant, a servant of his parishioners, a servant of his community, a servant of God. The story of his good works and his loving kindness will long remain a precious memory to all who knew him.

"I consider it a great honor that my Precinct Members have asked me to say these things. Father Holland was one of my own father's best friends, and many a time, a generation ago, these two men quietly arranged help for some family where help was desperately needed. As a boy, I learned to respect and honor this man whose saintly face could often be seen as he went about his errands of mercy and good cheer. By his presence, he made better neighbors of us all.

“Now, I move you, sir, that this meeting stand for a moment, in honor of this good man’s life, and that this action of the meeting be inscribed on the records of the Town for a perpetual memorial.”

The assembly stood in silent prayer in memoriam.

Voted: That Article 21 be taken from the table at this time.—Carried.

ARTICLE 21.

Mr. Storm moved: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$46,000.00 to be expended by the Selectmen to cover the Town’s share for materials, trucking, and other necessary expenditures in conjunction with W.P.A. activities or other Special Aid Projects in conjunction with the State or Federal Government, said sum to be allocated approximately as follows:

For the Sewer Department.....	\$15,000.00	
For the Highway Department.....	15,000.00	
For the School Department.....	2,500.00	
For the Miscellaneous projects and Adminis- tration	7,000.00	
For Town Rehabilitation.....	6,500.00	
	<hr/>	\$46,000.00

Mr. Trainor moved: That this appropriation be increased by \$10,000.00 making it in the aggregate \$56,000.00.—Not carried—10:12.

The original motion as offered by Mr. Storm.—Carried.

RECREATION

ARTICLE 31.

Voted: That in addition to such other sums as may be appropriated for the use of the Park Department, there be appropriated the sum of \$319.00 to extend the Chain Link Fence bounding the Hollis Field, from a point in the rear of the High School, a distance of 225 feet, by property of Mortimer Peck, Bessie Rogers and Sarah M. Higgins, to a point near the main entrance to the Hollis Field on Washington Street.—Carried—10:16.

Mr. Herbert Boardman moved: That the sum of \$500.00 be appropriated for the general uses of the Board of Park Commissioners in Precinct three and four.—Not carried.

Voted: That there be raised and appropriated the following sums of money for the general uses of the Board of Park Commissioners the coming year:

For Precinct 1 and 2.....	\$ 925.00	
For Precinct 3 and 4.....	275.00	
For Precinct 5 and 6.....	425.00	
For Organized Play.....	700.00	
	<hr/>	\$2,325.00

CEMETERIES

ARTICLE 32.

Voted: To raise and appropriate the following sums of money for the improvement of the Cemetery the present year:

For Superintendence and Labor.....	\$ 300.00	
Expenses	280.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 580.00

Voted: That there be appropriated the sum of \$4.00, the same to be taken from the income of the Julia Minchin Trust Fund, for care of lot.

Voted: That there be appropriated the sum of \$3.00, the same to be taken from the income of the Joseph S. Miller Trust Fund, for care of lot.

Mr. Grady moved: That the Annual and Special Town Meetings adjourn until 7:45 P.M. next Monday night.—Carried—10:20 P.M.

A true copy, Attest:

ERNEST C. WOODSUM,
Town Clerk.

March 27, 1939.

The adjourned Annual and Special Town Meetings were called to order at 7:55 P.M. by the Moderator, William F. Rogers. There were 209 Town Meeting Members present.

All Town Meeting Members present were duly sworn in by the Town Clerk, Ernest C. Woodsum.

Mr. Bartlett moved: That the reading of the records of the last session be dispensed with.—Carried.

Mrs. Lewis served notice of desire to reconsider the item in relation to a fence under Article 31.

Mrs. Lewis moved: Reconsideration of the vote of the Town under Article 31 with relation to a fence.—Not carried.

ARTICLE 33.

Voted: That the Town in accordance with Chapter 114, Section 34 of the General Laws, will authorize the use of the following parcel of land for burial purposes as an extension of the present Blue Hill Cemetery. A certain parcel of land situated in said Braintree, bounded and described as follows: Westerly by a Way forty feet wide, shown on the plan hereinafter referred to twelve hundred forty-six and 71/100 (1246.71) feet; Northeasterly, six hundred seven and 44/100 (607.44) feet; and Northerly, twelve hundred sixty-six and 42/100 (1266.42) feet by land now or formerly of Robert L. Ryder; Northeasterly by land now or formerly of Peter Cahill, two hundred fifty-six feet; Southeasterly by land now or formerly of Blue Hill Cemetery, four hundred sixty-six and 70/100 (466.70) feet; and Southerly by land of said Blue Hill Cemetery, twenty-one hundred fifty-two and 15/100 (2152.15) feet. Said parcel is shown as lot A on a plan drawn by Roland H. Barnes and Henry F. Beal, Civil Engineers, dated February 1938, filed in the Norfolk Registry District of the Land Court as plan number 11973-B with Certificate of Title No. 21843.—Carried.—8:09.

SOLDIERS' BENEFITS

ARTICLE 34.

For Soldiers' Relief:

Mr. Bartlett moved: That the sum of \$1,560.00 be appropriated for the Salary of Agent.—Not carried.—8:24.

Mr. Higgins moved: That the sum of \$1,300.00 be appropriated for the Salary of Agent.—Not carried.

The vote on the motion as offered by Mr. Higgins being questioned, the Moderator appointed the following tellers: Messrs. E. J. Rose, E. Almquist, E. G. Smith, J. H. Jenkins, L. J. Hart, W. R. Howland, W. D. Ewing and James Corrigan.

There being 79 in the affirmative and 89 in the negative, the motion offered by Mr. Higgins was not carried.

Mr. Grady moved: That the sum of \$325.00 be raised and appropriated for the Salary of Agent for 13 Weeks.—Carried—8:28.

Mr. Bartlett moved: That the sum of \$225.00 be appropriated for Office Expense.—Not carried.

Mr. Grady moved: That the sum of \$200.00 be raised and appropriated for Expenses.—Carried.

Mr. Bartlett moved: That the sum of \$300.00 be appropriated for Automobile Expense.—Not carried.—8:35.

Mr. Grady moved: That the sum of \$75.00 be raised and appropriated for Automobile Expense for the first three months.—Carried.

Voted: That the sum of \$18,798.00 be raised and appropriated for Aid to Recipients.—Carried.

Voted: That the following sums of money be raised and appropriated for State Aid and Military Aid the present year:

For State Aid and Burials	\$1,250.00
For Military Aid	1,800.00

PUBLIC WELFARE

ARTICLE 35.

Voted: That the following sums of money be raised and appropriated for the Public Welfare Department, including Aid for Dependent Children, and Adequate Assistance to Certain Aged Persons under the provisions of Chapter 118A, Acts of 1931.

For Welfare Department Administration:

Salaries, Board of Welfare	\$ 565.40	
\$200.00 each for 2 members,		
\$165.40—1 member		
Salary, Administrator	2,500.00	
Salaries of two Investigators	2,420.00	
Salary of Clerk	908.00	
Salary of Bookkeeper	1,560.00	
Office Expense and Supplies	390.00	
Automobile Expense and Repairs	900.00	
		<u>\$9,243.40</u>

Mr. Bartlett served notice of desire to reconsider the action of the Town under Article 34.—8:45.

For Temporary Aid:

Mr. Bartlett moved: That the sum of \$95,000.00 be raised and appropriated for Temporary Aid.—Not carried.

Mr. Anderson moved: That the sum of \$90,000.00 be raised and appropriated for Temporary Aid.—Carried.—8:53.

For Aid to Dependent Children \$16,500.00

For Infirmary:

Mr. Sylvester moved: For Salary of Superintendent—\$1,500.00.—
Not carried.

Mr. Bartlett moved: Salary—\$1,200.00.—Carried.

For Labor	\$ 900.00	
Expenses	4,762.00	
	<hr/>	\$6,862.00

For Old Age Assistance:

Salary of Supervisor	\$1,560.00	
Salary of Clerk	1,000.00	
Office Expense	230.00	
Automobile Expense	200.00	
New Automobile	790.00	
Assistance to Recipients	78,000.00	
	<hr/>	\$81,780.00

Mr. Ira Young moved: The Town Counsel be appointed a Committee of one to bring suit as soon as possible to recover from John H. Cahill the amount of salary he illegally drew from the Town for his services in the Old Age Assistance Department in the years 1937-1938.—Not carried.—9:06.

Mr. Bartlett moved: That the total amount appropriated under this article—\$204,385.40—be raised as follows:

From the Tax Levy	\$154,385.40	
From Surplus Revenue E. & D.	50,000.00	
	<hr/>	\$204,385.40

Mr. Grady moved: That this matter be laid on the table. Carried.—9:10.

HIGHWAYS

ARTICLE 36.

Voted: That the Town raise and appropriate the following sums of money for the support of the Highway Department, including labor, repairs to highways, Town Ways and Bridges; also for repairs and building sidewalks, stone roads and removal of Snow, Oiling and Tarring of Streets; purchase of equipment for said department:

For Salary of Superintendent \$ 3,000.00

For labor, repairs to highways, Town Ways and Bridges, repairs to sidewalks and other maintenance, not including new construction:

General Maintenance \$53,500.00

New Construction:

Resurface and regrade Elm Street Hill	\$1,800.00
Wildwood Avenue, asphalt sidewalk from Highland School to Liberty Park Avenue—North side	900.00
West side Hancock Street, asphalt sidewalk from Washington Street to 250 feet south of Frederick Road	660.00

East side Liberty Park Avenue, asphalt sidewalk from Wildwood Avenue to Liberty Street	90.00	
Braintree Square, drain through land of Parsons and Emerson.....	823.00	
Mill Lane Drain.....	670.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 4,943.00

Quincy Avenue Bridge:

Moved: That there be appropriated the sum of \$10,000.00 to be expended under the provision of Chapter 315, the Acts of 1917.—Not carried—9:26.

Church and Center Streets..... \$8,000.00

New Equipment:

Mr. Fogg moved: That the sum of \$5,000.00 be raised and appropriated for the purchase of a 3½ ton Dump Truck and that the equipment be a new Snow Plow and equipment to go with it.—Not carried—9:42.

Mr. Bartlett moved: That the sum of \$4,500.00 be raised and appropriated for a 3½ Ton Dump Truck.

Mr. Austerberry moved: That the words "three and one-half ton" be stricken out and that the sum of \$4,500.00 be raised and appropriated for a Dump Truck.—Carried.

Two Tractors	\$2,000.00	
Two Sand Spreaders ...	600.00	
Two Snow Plows	650.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 7,750.00

Voted: To authorize the sale, by the Selectmen, of one—24" x 36" Farrell Stone Breaker, now located at the Liberty Street Pit, to the Anderson Engineering Company for the sum of \$1,500.00 and to accept as payment thereof, two (2) snow plows at \$350.00 each, two (2) sand spreaders at \$250.00 each; and the balance thereof in the form of such machinery and equipment as may be needed by the Highway Department, at prices to be approved by the Selectmen; the breaker to be transferred to the buyer upon execution by it of proper agreement to make payment as specified.—Carried—10:00 P.M.

For Snow Removal and Sanding..... \$15,000.00

Mr. Bartlett moved: Reconsideration at this time of Article 23, Item 5, Repairs to Equipment.—Carried—10:03.

ARTICLE 23.

5. Moth Department:

Voted: That the sum of \$940.00 be appropriated for Repairs to Equipment.—Carried—10:06.

ARTICLE 37.

Voted: That this be referred to the Highway Department for a W.P.A. Project, to be accepted when completed.—Carried—10:07.

ARTICLE 38.

Voted: That this be referred to the Highway Department for a W.P.A. Project, to be accepted when completed.—Carried.

ARTICLE 39.

Voted: That Wayne Avenue, so-called, from Pond Street to Logan Road, be referred to the Highway Department for a W.P.A. Project.—Carried—10:08.

Mr. Trainor moved: That all Articles pertaining to unaccepted streets be tabled until next week and that the engineer for this district be consulted by our Highway Superintendent.—Carried—10:15.

ARTICLES 59-60.

Voted: That Articles 59 and 60 be taken up at this time.

The Special Committee gave the following report:

To Mr. William F. Rogers, Town Moderator
Braintree, Massachusetts

We, the undersigned, duly appointed by you as members of the Committee to consider the desirability of Civil Service for the employees of the Town of Braintree, beg leave to present the following report:

At our first meeting this Committee unanimously reached the conclusion that the Thayer Public Library and its Branches should not be included under any Civil Service regulations applicable to the employees of the Town. The Committee feels that this is a branch of Town service which is a separate entity, ably administered by a Board of Trustees who thoroughly understand the situation; that therefore any Civil Service regulations would have a tendency to hamper rather than improve the quality of library service.

This Committee is also agreed that the condition of Civil Service in the Commonwealth is too disturbed and uncertain at the present time to justify any recommendation in advocacy of its adoption in the Town of Braintree for the coming year.

In order to sense the public sentiment of the employees of the Town, an open meeting, duly announced in the press, was called together by this Committee on the evening of Tuesday, February 28.

It seemed to be the unanimous opinion of those who participated in the discussion that no encouragement should be given for a petition to the State Legislature to place Town employees under Civil Service regulations in the immediate future.

In view of the sentiment expressed in this meeting and the decision of this Committee through its own investigation, it is recommended that no action be taken on Article 59 of the Town Warrant.

At the meeting of the employees, already referred to, a strong majority sentiment was expressed that action should be taken to give security in their jobs to faithful employees who had proved their worth to the Town.

If this is to be brought to pass, it will have to be, this Committee assumes, by a Tenure of Office Act applicable to the Town of Braintree, passed by the State Legislature.

Should a petition be made to the State Legislature, this Committee recommends that Tenure of Office should apply specifically to the employees of the Fire Department, the Highway Department, the Electric Light Department, the Water Department, and to such employees of the Town as are not covered by any other act assuring security.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN J. FOLEY, Chairman

WALTER B. SKINNER BERNARD R. ANDREWS
EDWARD E. PALMER STACY B. SOUTHWORTH

Voted: That the Moderator appoint a committee to include Representative Raymond P. Palmer to procure an Enabling Act of the Legislature to permit the Town of Braintree to protect its employees, not otherwise provided for, under a Tenure of Office Act.—Carried—10:20.

Mr. Peterson served notice of desire to Reconsider Articles 37, 38 and 39.

ARTICLE 55.

Voted: No action under Article 55.—Carried—10:22.

ARTICLE 40.

Voted: That this be referred to the Highway Department for a W.P.A. Project.—Carried—10:27.

ARTICLE 41.

Mr. Storm moved: That Articles 41 through 54 be laid on the table.—Carried—10:34.

ARTICLE 56.

Voted: No action under Article 56.

ARTICLE 57.

Voted: No action under Article 57.

ARTICLE 58.

Voted: That the Town discontinue the practice of electing Constables by ballot and authorize the Selectmen to appoint such Constables as they may deem necessary under the provisions of Section 91A, Chapter 41, General Laws.—Carried—10:35.

ARTICLE 61.

Voted: That the sum of \$2,878.85 be raised and appropriated to meet the payment of certain bills contracted in several departments prior to January 1st, 1939.—Carried—10:42.

Mr. Grady moved: That the Annual and Special Town Meetings adjourn until next Monday night at 7:45 P.M.—Carried—10:44.

A true copy, Attest:

ERNEST C. WOODSUM,
Town Clerk.

April 3, 1939.

The adjourned Annual and Special Town Meetings were called to order at 8:00 P. M. by the Moderator, William F. Rogers. There were 212 Town Meeting Members present.

Mr. Bartlett moved: That the reading of the minutes of the last session be dispensed with. Carried.

Notice was served of desire to reconsider Article 36 — New Equipment.

ARTICLE 62.

Voted: To amend Section 3 of Article 1 of the By-Laws by substituting for said Section 3 the following: "Article 1, Section 3. All business, except the election of officers and the determination of such matters as by law are required to be determined by ballot, shall be considered at an adjournment thereof to the second Monday following at 7:45 P. M." Unanimous vote.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

ARTICLE 1.

Mr. Grady moved: That Article 1 of the Warrant for the Special Town Meeting be taken from the table at this time. Carried.

Mr. Bartlett moved: To extend for a period or periods, not exceeding in the aggregate six months beyond the maximum term provided by law for an original revenue loan, any loan issued in anticipation of the revenue of 1938, provided that the loans so extended shall not exceed the total amount of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00). Not carried — 8:30.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Mr. Storm moved: That we reconsider Articles 37, 38 and 39 at this time. Unanimous vote — 8:33.

ARTICLE 37.

Voted: That this be referred to the Highway Department for a W. P. A. Project, to be accepted when completed. Carried.

ARTICLE 38.

Voted: That this be referred to the Highway Department for a W. P. A. Project, to be accepted when completed. Carried.

ARTICLE 39.

Voted: That Wayne Avenue, so-called, from Pond Street to Logan Road, be referred to the Highway Department for a W. P. A. Project. Carried.

Mr. Bartlett moved: That Articles 41 to 54 be taken from the table. Carried — 8:37.

ARTICLE 41.

Voted: That this be referred to the Highway Department for a W. P. A. Project, to be accepted when completed. Carried — 8:38.

ARTICLE 42.

Voted: That this be referred to the Highway Department for a W. P. A. Project, to be accepted when completed. Carried — 8:39.

ARTICLE 43.

Mr. Bartlett moved: No action under Article 43. Not carried.

The vote of the Town under this article being questioned, the Moderator appointed the following tellers: Messrs. Rice, Ryan, Jenkins, Lakin, Hitchcock, Gilliatt, Allen and Cummings.

There being 71 in the affirmative and 121 in the negative the motion for "No action under Article 43" was lost. — 8:45.

Mr. Storm moved: That this be referred to the Highway Department for a W. P. A. Project. Carried — 8:46.

ARTICLE 44.

Voted: No action under Article 44. Carried — 8:50.

ARTICLE 45.

Voted: That the Town accept as and for a Town Way, Sunnyside Avenue, so-called, from the end of Common Street, so-called, approximately 1000 feet westerly, as laid out by the Selectmen. Carried — 8:52.

ARTICLE 46.

Voted: No action under Article 46. Carried — 8:55.

ARTICLE 47.

Voted: No action under Article 47. Carried — 8:56.

ARTICLE 48.

Voted: No action under Article 48. Carried.

ARTICLE 49.

Voted: That this be referred to the Highway Department for a W. P. A. Project, to be accepted when completed. Carried — 8:57.

ARTICLE 50.

Voted: No action under Article 50. Carried.

ARTICLE 51.

Voted: No action under Article 51. Carried — 9:06.

ARTICLE 52.

Voted: No action under Article 52. Carried — 9:09.

ARTICLE 53.

Voted: That this be referred to the Highway Department for a W. P. A. Project, to be accepted when completed. Carried — 9:10.

ARTICLE 54.

Voted: That this be referred to the Highway Department for a W. P. A. Project. Carried — 9:11.

ARTICLE 36.

Mr. Canavan moved: That we reconsider the vote of the Town under Article 36 — New Equipment. Carried — 9:13.

Mr. Bartlett moved: That of the appropriation of \$7750.00 for New Equipment under Article 36, \$6250.00 be raised from the Tax Levy and \$1500.00 taken from the trade-in value of the Rock Crusher. Carried.

Mr. Raymond P. Palmer offered the following Resolution:

Whereas the closing of the East Braintree and Braintree Highlands Railroad Stations has seriously inconvenienced many citizens of Braintree and caused a depreciation in the values of their real estate,

Be It Resolved: That it is the sense of this meeting that the Selectmen be requested to petition the N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. and the State Department of Public Utilities to provide for stopping trains at these stations during the commuting hours. Unanimous vote — 9:15.

ARTICLE 34.

Mr. Storm moved: Reconsideration of Article 34 — Soldiers' Relief. Carried — 9:18.

Moved: That there be appropriated the sum of \$1300.00 for Salary of Soldiers' Relief Agent.

Mrs. Hall moved: The previous question — 10:00 P. M.

Voted: That the following sums of money be raised and appropriated for Soldiers' Relief the present year:—

For Soldiers' Relief

Salary of Agent.....	\$ 1,300.00	
Office Expense	225.00	
Automobile Expense	175.00	
Aid to Recipients.....	18,798.00	
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		\$20,498.00
For State Aid and Burials.....		1,250.00
For Military Aid.....		1,800.00
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		\$23,548.00

Carried — 10:11.

ARTICLE 63.

Mr. George L. Anderson rendered the following report pertaining to the overdrafts to be considered under this article:

TOWN OF BRAINTREE
REPORT OF COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO INVESTIGATE
OVERDRAFTS AND EXPENDITURES OF THE TOWN
DURING THE YEAR 1937

The report of this committee made to the Annual Town Meeting on March 28, 1938, was transmitted by the Selectmen to the District Attorney of Norfolk County pursuant to Section 62, Chapter 44 of the

General Laws and in accordance with instructions contained in a vote of the Town at the Annual Town Meeting of 1938.

Thereafter, this committee kept in communication with the District Attorney for the purpose of supplying him with information and sources of information relating to expenditures of the various Town departments.

The matters reported to the District Attorney were summarized in a letter to him dated September 12, 1938, copy of which is annexed hereto and forms a part of this report.

The following subjects were referred to in detail in that letter:

1. Schedule of Expenditures by the Welfare Department for Temporary Aid 1937.
 - (a) Use of Welfare funds for construction of private driveways.
 - (b) Use of Welfare funds for construction of private boat storage yard.
2. Schedule of Expenditures for Soldiers' Relief 1937.
Under this heading the belief was expressed to the District Attorney that the overdraft of this appropriation was in part traceable to illegal expenditures of Town funds.
3. Expenditures for Snow Removal 1937 and January-February 1938.
 - (a) Use of Town Employees' spreading gravel owned by the Town on private ways.
 - (b) Excessive sums charged to Snow Removal during January and February 1938 with report of weather conditions for the same period showing that such expenditures were unnecessary.

Note: The original report of this committee, already in the hands of the District Attorney, dealt extensively with expenditures in 1937 charged to Snow Removal and reference to these details was made in our letter of September 12, 1938.
4. Highway Department.
 - (a) Excessive prices paid for truck and automobile tires.
 - (b) Use of Highway Department labor and materials for private work for town officials.
 - (c) Purchase of fuel oil and motor oil in excess of needs of the department.
 - (d) Loss to the Town due to waste and mismanagement of Church Street construction.
5. Improper use of funds appropriated by the Town for W. P. A. purposes.
 - (a) Excess pay roll charges for workers not on Relief or W. P. A. — much of this item would have been paid by the Federal Government had the Selectmen used ordinary diligence in allocating the work to approved projects.
 - (b) Expense of rebuilding Ford Car and converting old ambulance.
 - (c) Payment of balance due on purchase of an automobile.
 - (d) Construction of new offices for Selectmen in Town Hall — for a part of which, W. P. A. funds were used.
6. Town Hall Maintenance.
 - (a) Balance of cost of new offices and shower baths for Selectmen paid out of this appropriation.
 - (b) Purchase of coal in 1937 but bills held over and paid out of 1938 appropriation.

(c) Construction of wood and glass partition in Town Hall in September 1937, but bill paid out of 1938 appropriation.

7. Irregularity in payment of bill for premium on Employees Compensation Insurance.

The audit of the books of the Town by the State Department of Accounts disclosed other irregularities and a copy of this audit report was placed in the hands of the District Attorney. The citizens are urged to read carefully this report as it appears in the Annual Town Report of 1938.

One matter disclosed by the State audit deserves more than passing attention. It is the appointment of one of the members of the Board of Public Welfare as Administrator of Old Age Assistance, for which he was paid a salary of \$38.45 per week. This is clearly contrary to the provisions of the State law and the Town By-Laws:—

Section 4A. Chapter 41. General Laws.

“Except as otherwise expressly provided, a town board may, if authorized by vote of the town, appoint any member thereof to another town office or position for the term provided by law, if any, otherwise for a term not exceeding one year. The salary of any such appointee shall be fixed by vote of the town, notwithstanding the provisions of Section one hundred and eight.”

Article V. Section 2. Town By-Laws

“No Town officer or board of Town officers having the power or authority to appoint any Town officer or agent shall appoint himself or any member of such board to any salaried office or position, but this shall not prohibit any Town officer from being chairman or clerk of the board of which he may be a member.”

The above is the sordid record of inefficiency and disregard of responsibilities on the part of our Town officers, which was presented to the Grand Jury in December 1938.

The Grand Jury disposed of these matters by the following resolution:

December 15, 1938.

Resolved: “That the Grand Jury of Norfolk County now in session has made a very careful, thorough, and exhaustive investigation of conditions in Braintree, which have been called to our attention. We are satisfied that during 1937 many things occurred which ought not to have taken place — but we are unable to find sufficient evidence which would justify our returning a true bill against anyone.”

The taxpayers of Braintree are forcibly reminded of those things which the Grand Jury report states “ought not to have taken place” by having to reach into their pockets to pay more than \$50,000.00, which was added to the 1938 tax levy, to care for expenditures of 1937 not appropriated by the Town.

The penalties included in the municipal accounting laws for violations of their provisions have been generally regarded as safeguards for the interests of the citizens and failure to impose these penalties where violations have occurred may lead to the belief that public officials may disregard their obligations with impunity.

However, it has been demonstrated many times in this Country of ours that when law enforcement agencies do not act, the people can, and in this instance the people of Braintree have acted.

During 1937 the government of Braintree reached an all time low, but the two Selectmen who were responsible for this deplorable condition no longer hold public office. One of them, who was bold enough to seek a return to office in 1939, was told emphatically by the people, speaking through the ballot box, that he was not wanted.

You now have a Board of Selectmen, the members of which are entitled to the respect of all the Town; you have a new Treasurer and a new Town Accountant, both men of integrity and ability. It is probably unnecessary to remind any of the present officials of the Town of the obligations which rest upon them, but it seems proper to remind the people of our Town that what was done in 1937 was done by officials who had been placed in positions of responsibility by the people themselves, and that when the people want good government they can have it by speaking at the polls, as they have done since that time.

If the work of this committee has accomplished no more than to bring to the people of this Town a realization of their responsibilities toward its government, it can conclude its effort with a feeling of satisfaction.

In the course of its activities the committee incurred the following expenses, paid out of the appropriation for Selectmen's Expenses:

Counsel fees	\$100.00
Messenger service	9.10
Accountant fees	232.58
Total	\$341.68

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE L. ANDERSON
WILLIAM J. CONNELL
HENRY H. STORM

Braintree, Mass.

September 12, 1938

Honorable Edmund R. Dewing, District Attorney
Court House
Dedham, Mass.

Dear Mr. Dewing:

The report of the special committee appointed by the Town of Braintree to investigate overdrafts occurring in 1937 has been placed in your hands by the Selectmen of Braintree acting according to the provisions of Section 62, Chapter 44 of the General Laws and further according to instructions contained in a vote of the Town at the Annual Town Meeting of 1938.

At the same Town meeting the Town also voted the following: "That the report of the special committee appointed to ascertain the facts relative to overdrafts be accepted, and that the committee be continued with authority to investigate any and all of the expenditures of Town funds made during 1937 and up to the time of the Town meeting of 1938."

In accordance with this action of the Town the committee has caused to be made an examination of the Town records pertaining to

the expenditure of Town funds and particularly of those departments the control of which is under the Board of Selectmen.

For your information and assistance we are pleased to furnish you herewith, some of the information obtained by this examination.

Schedule of expenditures by the Welfare Department for Temporary Aid 1937:

Welfare Temporary Aid 1937:

Appropriation	\$60,000.00	
From Reserve Fund.....	11,590.03	
Refunds	62.19	
		<u>\$71,652.22</u>

Expenditures:

Groceries and Provisions.....	\$38,368.59	
Coal and Wood.....	6,924.41	
Rent	15,168.38	
Medical Care	5,023.91	
Hospital Care	9,427.22	
Cash Grants	15,480.18	
Auto Expense	919.52	
Gasolene	1,059.03	
Supplies	502.47	
Clothing	3,483.58	
Burials	470.00	
Electric Light	1,590.40	
Miscellaneous	1,122.27	
		<u>\$99,539.96</u>
Overdraft		\$27,887.74

The total expenditures appear to be excessive when it is considered that the W. P. A. gave employment to all able-bodied applicants (except aliens), that Old Age Assistance was given to all needy over 65 years of age, that Aid to Dependent Children was given to all families who came under that class, that Soldiers' Relief cared for all needy veteran cases, that the Infirmary had its usual quota of inmates, and that a large amount of clothing, food and milk was given away by the Federal Commodity department.

Medical care cost.....	\$ 278.00 per week
Rents cost	\$1,264.00 per month
Fuel cost	\$ 577.00 per month
Groceries cost	\$ 738.00 per week

It was the practice of the Welfare Department to pay cash grants to certain recipients who worked for this money. This payroll averaged \$300.00 per week for the whole year or a crew of 20 men. It would appear that the Welfare Department held the theory that this labor did not necessarily belong to the Town, but could be used on private as well as public jobs. This idea has been refuted in Court cases several times, and it is the law that labor of this sort belongs solely to the Town. Nevertheless, the labor of these recipients was in a number of instances used for private purposes. It is reported that a number of citizens had private driveways constructed by this Welfare labor, the citizens paying for the material used and the Town donating the truck charges and supervision as well as the labor. It is reported that the Chairman of the Welfare department, Mr. Avery, had work done on his own property by this labor. It is reported that Mr. Avery in 1937 had a boat-storage yard constructed on the property of J. F. Sheppard & Sons off Shaw Street, wherein work to an estimated value of \$1,200.00 was

done by Welfare labor, Highway department employees, Highway machinery and materials. It is reported that boats stored in this yard were hauled out of the river by Welfare labor and trucks, and that Mr. Avery rendered bills and collected money for himself for this hauling and storage.

There is no record of any attempt by the officials of the Town to collect for any such expenditures from the private parties who benefited thereby. It does not appear that there was any appropriation by the Town which authorized the expenditure of Town funds for the improvement of private property and in the opinion of our committee those persons responsible for such expenditures are liable to the penalties provided in Section 62, Chapter 44 of the General Laws.

Complete information relative to these expenditures is in the possession of John Q. Wentworth, Superintendent of the Braintree Highway Department and it is respectfully suggested that a member of your staff communicate with Mr. Wentworth for the purpose of placing the facts in proper form for presentation to the Grand Jury.

Schedule of Expenditures for Soldiers' Relief 1937:
Soldiers' Relief 1937:

Appropriation	\$14,000.00	
Refund	10.00	
		<hr/> \$14,010.00

Expenses:

Cash to Recipients.....	\$10,697.65	
Clothing	548.78	
Fuel	1,401.55	
Groceries and Provisions.....	4,044.73	
Rent	2,489.16	
Electric Light	175.40	
Medical Care	348.00	
Pharmacist	166.44	
Dentists and Optical.....	154.65	
Hospital	422.98	
Auto Expense	351.90	
Supplies	58.91	
Telephone	121.45	
Miscellaneous	65.31	
		<hr/> \$21,046.91
Overdraft		\$ 7,036.91

During 1937 this department made a sharp and unexplained increase in expense. The agent charged excessive sums to the account for his personal automobile expenses and charged several items of personal expense not properly covered by the account. The expenses for the first part of 1938 continued to be excessive and apparently little effort was made to control them.

It is evident that the overdraft of this appropriation is in part traceable to illegal expenditures and your office is respectfully requested to obtain the necessary evidence for presentation to the Grand Jury.

Snow Removal 1937 and January-February 1938:

Snow Removal 1937:

Appropriation	\$ 2,500.00	
Expended	5,304.06	
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Overdraft		\$ 2,802.06

This unnecessary overdraft was treated in detail in the report made to the Town on March 28, 1938. The wasteful expense to snow removal continued during the first two months of 1938 when large numbers of men were employed and their wages charged to this account at times when there was no snow to be removed. Work was done spreading gravel on private ways and the snow removal account was charged with the expense. There is more than a suspicion that these men were kept on the Town payrolls by one means or another in anticipation of the Town election on March 7, 1938.

From January 1, 1938 to March 3, 1938, the sums charged Snow Removal are as follows:

Labor	\$11,393.60	
Hauling	1,602.31	
Gasolene — 5062 gals.....	607.50	
Batteries, Tires, Tubes.....	433.83	
Sand	317.58	
Repairs to Equipment.....	187.94	
Chains	144.10	
Coasting Signs	142.56	
Storage	103.39	
Oil	30.72	
Miscellaneous	56.68	
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		\$15,020.21

At no time during this period was there an accumulation of snow beyond the capacity of the motorized equipment to remove, and it is reported that the two large caterpillar tractors equipped for snow removal were not required at any time during the winter. It is probable that the waste in snow removal alone has raised the 1938 tax rate forty cents. Although the monthly expense for January and February 1938 were greatly in excess of the monthly maximum as prescribed by law, the Selectmen neglected to give the Accountant any authority to pay these excess bills, but as the total bills were passed for payment, the Accountant must be held to have been negligent.

In the report of this committee submitted to the Town of Braintree on March 28, 1938, there was included a record of the snowfall in November and December 1937. For your information and assistance we give you a record of the snowfall during the months of January and February 1938 taken from the records of the Eastern Massachusetts Street Railway Co., Quincy District.

Jan. 2, 1938	Started 12.01 A. M. Ended 9.00 A. M. 5 inches — wet — sleet.
Jan. 12, 1938	Started 10.00 P. M.
Jan. 13, 1938	Stopped 10.00 A. M. 8 inches.
Jan. 16, 1938	Started 10.00 P. M.
Jan. 17, 1938	Stopped 7.00 P. M. 8 inches.
Jan. 21, 1938	2 inches.
Jan. 22, 1938	Started 10.00 P. M.
Jan. 23, 1938	Stopped 7.00 A. M. 2 inches — very slippery.
Jan. 31, 1938	Light rain A. M. Light snow P. M. Trace.
Feb. 17, 1938	Light snow. Trace.
Feb. 20, 1938	Started 2.00 P. M. Stopped 3.00 P. M. 5 inches — high winds — drifting.

Feb. 22, 1938 At night. One-half inch.
 Feb. 25, 1938 A. M. One-half inch; spitting to 2 inches; drifting P. M.
 Feb. 27, 1938 Light rain and light snow.
 Feb. 28, 1938 Started noon. Ended 6.00 A. M. 2 inches snow, drifts,
 high winds.

We call your attention to the excessive amounts expended and charged to Snow Removal during these two months. The Selectmen had no authority whatsoever to expend during these two months any sums in excess of the amounts provided by law and in the opinion of our committee the expenditure of such excess amounts was contrary to the provisions of law and rendered those responsible liable to the penalties provided in Section 62, Chapter 44 of the General Laws.

In *Continental Construction Co. v. City of Lawrence*, decided June 29, 1937, the Court said:—

“Section 31 prohibits in general terms the incurring of liability in excess of the existing appropriation. Then follows a carefully limited exception expressly conditioned, first, upon the existence of extreme emergency involving the health or safety of persons or property; and second, upon a vote of two-thirds of the members of the City Council. These are limitations upon the lawful exercise of the powers of the City Council. The conditions which will permit the lawful incurring of extraordinary indebtedness must exist in truth and in fact. We can discover nothing to support a construction which would permit a City Council to shake off the limitations imposed upon it by merely declaring the existence of a state of emergency and then authorizing the incurring liabilities to an unlimited amount for an unascertained period of time, nor do we think that such a declaration has any presumption or evidential force in establishing the existence in fact of an emergency.”

It is believed that this language of the Court applies with equal force to the conditions which have been found to have existed in Braintree.

Highway Department:

During the period under investigation, the Highway Department was dominated and controlled by the Board of Selectmen to the exclusion of the Superintendent. Bills for materials show higher prices than should have been paid by the Town. For instance, during this period the Highway Department was charged as follows:—

	Price paid 1937	Price quoted Mar. 1938
Goodyear 40 x 8 tire.....	\$ 92.45	\$76.79
Goodyear 9.75—20 12 ply tire....	103.05	82.20
Penn. Univ. 36 x 6 tire	46.07	36.00
Penn. Univ. 650—20 tire.....	24.22	17.57

The excess price on tires was applied to Town Bills shortly after March 1937 and continued for the year between the Annual Town Meetings. The difference in price consists of the Municipal discount to which any Town is entitled.

It is reported that one dealer said that he was told to charge the higher prices by the Selectman who placed the orders. This high scale of prices applied to all tire purchases under the control of the Selectmen. It is estimated that the excess cost for Welfare, Highway and other tires was upwards of \$500.00.

It is reported that the labor and materials of the Highway department have been available for private work for officials, for construction of boat-yard rafts, engine repairs and such illegal expense. Purchases of fuel oil and motor oil appear to be in excess of the needs of the department.

Church Street Construction:

Appropriation	\$18,500.00	
Expended	11,602.71	
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Balance		\$ 6,897.29

This work was started in September 1937 and closed in December 1937 after the expenditure of 63% of the money with very little actual work accomplished. This job appears to have been the dumping ground for any Highway Department expense for which the department had no funds.

Detail of Expense, Church Street:

Labor	\$ 4,649.26	
Hauling	492.52	
Repairs to Machinery.....	668.31	
Automobile Tires	702.57	
Repairs to Trucks.....	494.74	
Gasolene	783.97	
Oil	60.03	
Tools	219.45	
Fuel Oil	54.45	
Rent of Truck.....	180.00	
Asphalt	42.42	
Drain Pipe	3,045.02	
Miscellaneous	210.97	
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		\$11,603.71

This work is being done in conjunction with the Commonwealth under the provisions of Chapter 90 G. L. The State allows the Town a grant of one-half the value of the work performed under a contract between the Town and the State Department of Public Works. We are informed that the Department of Public Works has reported to the Selectmen that the actual value of the work thus far on Church Street is \$6,611.20 of which the State will pay half or \$3,305.60. Thus the waste on the work amounts to \$4,992.51, none of which can be recovered. It is reported that this work was under the direction of Selectman J. H. Cahill. A more glaring instance of waste and mismanagement has never confronted the Town. Additional appropriations will be necessary to complete this construction.

1937 W. P. A. Fund:

In the Annual Town Meeting of 1937, the Board of Selectmen advocated an appropriation of \$25,000.00 under their control for materials and other necessary expenses to carry on W. P. A. work and thus secure for the Town the wages that the Federal government pays under this arrangement. The Finance Committee had proposed a sum of \$15,000.00 but the Town Meeting voted the larger sum to be spent by the Selectmen.

Previous appropriations for E. R. A. and W. P. A. in 1934, 1935 and 1936 had been administered by the Finance Committee with economy and prudence, so that substantial balances had been saved from year to year to help in the following year's work. In addition the Water De-

partment carried on extensive W. P. A. projects, the cost of materials being borne by the department itself. A large number of worth-while projects had been carried through to completion under this plan, and when the Finance Committee was relieved of this duty, the W. P. A. organization was functioning smoothly, and there was bequeathed to the Selectmen a large program of work prepared, investigated and approved in advance.

However, the Selectmen chose to use this money for nearly everything except W. P. A. work, and spent it recklessly, irresponsibly and without regard for the Town's interest. It was all gone in September 1937 less than six months after it had been appropriated. It brought to the Town only \$6,381.00 in Federal wages instead of \$100,000.00 as anticipated. Only two Highway projects were completed, Bickford Road and Cedarcliff Road. The whole burden of carrying on W. P. A. work fell on the Water and Sewer departments with a corresponding increase of the Town's expenditure through these departments.

This appropriation of \$25,000.00, plus a further allowance of \$3,000.00 from the 1936 fund, was spent as follows:

Administration Salaries	\$ 2,928.00	
Office Supplies and Gasolene.....	524.81	
Payrolls, Workers not on Relief or W. P. A.....	9,434.87	
	<hr/>	\$12,887.68

Material:

Weymouth Asphalt Co.....	\$ 4,724.64	
Independent Coal Tar Co.....	3,082.38	
Hausler Co.	546.11	
Crystal Concrete Co.....	421.99	
Miscellaneous Material	3,958.54	
	<hr/>	\$12,733.66

Miscellaneous Charges:

Thorp's Garage — Balance due on one 1935 Plymouth 2 Door Sedan.....	\$ 400.00	
Joseph Peach — Mason Work on Crawford Road, Allen Street and Pleasant- view Avenue	491.98	
J. Barile — Labor of Plumbers on new office for Selectmen.....	185.50	
J. F. Preston — Labor and Material Carpenter Work	147.00	
(Invoice not approved by Selectmen and no designation of where work was done or what work, but accountant's book has a note "Selectmen's office.")		
L. A. Qualey — 12 new outlets in new office	55.00	
L. A. Qualey — Electrical Expense.....	10.45	
Jannell Motors Co. — Rebuilding Ford car and adding truck body — Old Am- bulance	495.00	
Sundry Labor — New Office.....	47.50	
Sundry Charges: Telephone, postage, oil, tires, etc.	546.23	
	<hr/>	\$ 2,378.66
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		\$28,000.00

The construction work accomplished with the above funds was located mainly on unaccepted streets, and on locations for which W. P. A.

projects had already been requested from the government. After this work was done, a number of these projects were approved by the W. P. A., so that a great part of the labor charge can be counted as waste, as the government would have paid all the wages if the Selectmen had chosen to wait.

The use of this money to build new offices and shower-baths in the Town house was manifestly illegal and unwarranted.

This whole fund was used at the whim of the Selectmen not for W. P. A. work, but for their own brand of work relief in which the Town had to bear the whole of the cost. It is reported that the sedan bought from this fund was operated by Selectman Cahill for any and all purposes. The Selectmen and the W. P. A. office neglected to prepare any new projects so that the Town began the 1938 W. P. A. work in an embarrassing position with only the Water, Sewer and School departments having projects.

After the 1937 W. P. A. fund was exhausted in September 1937, the work was carried on by the Finance Committee from the balance left in the 1936 fund, and by contributions from the Water Department. Town Hall Maintenance:

Appropriation	\$ 2,000.00
Expenses:	
Gas and Fuel	\$ 12.55
Light	296.04
Janitor's Supplies	193.18
Water and filter rental	147.88
Flower beds	30.00
Flags	7.01
Repairs	489.76
New Selectmen's office and shower-bath	822.77
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	\$ 1,999.19
Balance	<hr/>
	\$.81

This account was spent mainly for the new and unauthorized construction of Selectmen's offices. The whole cost of this work so far as can be determined was:

From Town Hall Maintenance.....	\$ 822.77
	445.45
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	\$ 1,268.22

Inasmuch as the School Department was forced to spend nearly as much to construct new offices in the Pond School after being ordered from the Town House so that this renovation could be made, the work can be considered a costly luxury.

Attention is called that the amount of fuel paid for in 1937 is negligible, but early in 1938 several large bills for coal were paid, evidently for coal previously delivered.

Attention is called to the construction of a wood and glass partition in the public corridor of the Town House second floor. This work was done in September 1937 but the bill was rendered and paid for in January 1938, contrary to law.

The details of this bill are as follows:

J. F. Preston — Glass Corridor

Material	\$ 165.80	
Labor, 5 days @ \$ 8.00.....	40.00	
Labor, 4 days @ 10.00.....	40.00	
Hardware	5.00	
		\$ 250.80

The value of this work has been estimated to be approximately \$100.00.

The inclusion of this bill together with the coal bills have seriously impaired the Town Hall Maintenance account for 1938.

Employees' Compensation Insurance:

This account shows an irregularity which should be reported.

The appropriation for 1937 for this kind of insurance was \$6,800.00. The annual policy placed with John C. Paige as agent expired on March 31, 1937 and was renewed by a policy through A. E. Boynton as agent. Although three months' premium was due the Paige agency, the Boynton agency rendered a bill on March 20, 1937 for the whole amount of \$6,800.00, which was promptly paid. In exchange for this payment, the Boynton agency gave the Town a policy carrying an estimated premium of \$5,000.00.

In September 1937 the Selectmen requested the Finance Committee for a transfer from the Reserve Fund to meet John C. Paige's bill of \$2,145.56 for the first three months. The Finance Committee promptly investigated the transactions, and found that the Boynton agency had remitted only \$5,000.00 less commission to the Insurance Company, and had retained \$1,800.00 unaccountably. The Finance Committee made a protest to the Selectmen, the sum of \$1,800.00 was refunded immediately and was used to meet the Paige bill. At the expiration of the Boynton policy it was found that only \$183.28 additional was needed from the 1938 appropriation. Granted that the parties to this transaction were innocent of dishonest intentions, it remains that the Selectmen were negligent of the Town's interest.

Some of the matters presented to you herein are indications of negligence on the part of Town officials rather than unlawful acts subject to prosecution by your office but they are presented because they form a background for the unlawful expenditures which constitute the actual overdrafts. That these overdrafts were unlawful there can be no doubt. There is no evidence of the existence of emergencies, as contemplated by the statutes, which justified the incurring of liability for the goods furnished or the services performed, and there is good evidence that neither the goods furnished nor the services performed were in any way necessary for the proper operation of the Town's affairs.

The Selectmen not only acted to incur liability but they went beyond that, and further than the statutes contemplate in any event when they authorized the use of Town funds without appropriation to *pay for liabilities unlawfully incurred*.

Our Committee respectfully urges you to assign a member of your staff to procure complete evidence relating to the matters outlined herein and you may be assured of the fullest cooperation not only from the members of our committee but from Town officials as well.

The opinion is widely expressed that your successful prosecution of these evident violations of municipal law will have a profound

effect on the future administration of Town affairs not only in Braintree but in other towns of the Commonwealth and we ask your best effort to this worthy end.

Yours very truly,

GEORGE L. ANDERSON,
Chairman, Special Committee.

Voted: To transfer from Surplus Revenue the amount of \$55,296.47 for overdrafts of the year 1937 and that the report of the Committee be accepted. Carried — 10:25.

ARTICLE 64 and 67.

Voted: That Article 67 be considered in conjunction with Article 64. Carried.

Mr. Bartlett moved: That the Moderator appoint a committee of five Citizens, two of whom shall be members of the School Committee, to have a survey made by an outside expert of the Braintree School System, and of the School Housing situation, and a sum of \$2,000.00 be appropriated for that purpose.

Mr. Sylvester offered the following amendment: That the committee be made up of the Chairman of each precinct and that the committee consist of eight along with two members of the School Committee. Not carried — 10:40.

The original motion as offered by Mr. Bartlett. Carried — 10:50.

ARTICLE 18.

Mr. Blewett moved: That the Town appropriate the sum of \$330,000. for the purpose of constructing, furnishing and equipping an addition to the high school and for making additions, alterations and repairs to the present building, under the direction of a committee composed of five members to be appointed by the Moderator, two such members to be members of the School Committee; and that the sum of \$7,000. of the above total amount be raised by taxation in the current year and that the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, be authorized to borrow the balance of said total amount, or if Federal funds are made available for this purpose through a grant or loan under the P. W. A. or other Federal agencies, then the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, is authorized to borrow such sum as may be necessary for the Town's share as sponsor; in either case, the borrowing to be for a term not exceeding twenty years. Not carried — 11:08.

ARTICLE 67.

Mr. Cavanagh moved: That the Town delegate a committee of two to negotiate for the purchase of two to three acres of land, in Precinct 4, for the site of a grade school building, lying in the neighborhood east of Hawthorn Road between Park Street and Thorndike Street extensions; instruct the Moderator to appoint the committee and the committee to submit a proposition for the purchase on an article in the warrant for next Town Meeting. Not carried — 11:10 P. M.

ARTICLE 65.

Voted: No action under Article 65. Carried — 11:11.

Mr. Bartlett moved: That we adjourn until two weeks from tonight — Monday, April 17, 1939 — at 7:45 P. M. Carried.

A true copy, Attest:

ERNEST C. WOODSUM,
Town Clerk.

April 17, 1939.

The adjourned Town Meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Wm. F. Rogers at 8.00 P.M. There were 204 Town Meeting Members present.

Mr. Bartlett moved: That the reading of the minutes of the last meeting be dispensed with. Carried.

Notice was served of desire to reconsider Article 63 and Article 64.

Mr. R. Lakin offered the following Resolution—RESOLVED: That it is the sense of the Town Meeting Members here assembled that the salary of the members of the General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts should not be increased from \$2,000.00 for the entire period until the next election in 1940.—Carried 8:01.

Mr. Ira Young moved: Reconsideration of Article 63. Not carried—8:07.

Mr. Justice moved: Reconsideration of Article 64. Not carried—8:28.

ARTICLE 66.

Voted: That the Selectmen be and are hereby authorized to sell property, the title to which has been acquired by the Town under tax title foreclosure procedure, at public auction pursuant to a notice of such sale published in one or more newspapers published in the Town, at least one week before the date of said sale, and to execute such deeds or instruments of conveyance as may be necessary to carry out the purpose of this vote. Carried 8:29.

ARTICLE 68.

Mr. Bartlett moved: No action under Article 68. Not carried 8:40.

Mr. Murphy moved: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$2500.00 for the collection, transportation and disposal of rubbish and refuse from the private residences and stores or any other habitations in the Town of Braintree, collections to be made by the Highway Department.

Mr. Starr offered the following amendment: Strike out the words "and stores or any other habitations". Carried.

Moved: That the sum appropriated be \$2800.00. Not carried.

The original motion offered by Mr. Murphy, as amended,—That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$2500.00 for the collection, transportation and disposal of rubbish and refuse from the private residences in the Town of Braintree, collections to be made by the Highway Department. Carried 8:48.

ARTICLE 2.

Mr. Foley offered the following Resolution: That the Selectmen will put an article in the Town Warrant at the first Special Town Meeting, if there be any, to provide for an increase in the salary of the Town Accountant and the salary of the Town Treasurer, the same to be retro-active, to April 1, 1939. Not carried 8:50.

ARTICLE 69.

Voted: No action under Article 69. Carried 8:51.

ARTICLE 71.

Voted: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 to assist Braintree Post No. 86, American Legion, Antietam Camp No. 3, Sons of Union Veterans and Braintree Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, in defraying expenses of Memorial Day. Carried—8:52.

ARTICLE 72.

Voted: To appropriate from the Highway Fund, so-called, provided by Chapter 2 of the Acts of 1939, the sum of Five Thousand Two Hundred Eighty and 95/100 dollars (\$5,280.95) for the purpose of removing street car tracks and repaving Railroad Street and adjacent portions of Elm and River Streets. Carried—8:55.

ARTICLE 73.

Moved: To amend Article 1 of the By-Laws by adding a new section to said article, said section to read as follows:—

“Section 8. The following officials of the Town shall be members ex-officio of the Limited Town Meeting, in accordance with Section 3 of Chapter 17 of the Acts of 1937:—Moderator, Town Clerk, Treasurer, Town Accountant, Tax Collector, Chairman of the Selectmen, Chairman of Assessors, Chairman of Water Commission, Chairman of School Committee, Chairman of Municipal Light Board, Chairman of Park Commission, Chairman of Planning Board, Chairman of Board of Health, Chairman of Trustees of Public Library, Chairman of Sewer Commission, Chairman of the Finance Committee, and Secretary of the Finance Committee.” Not carried—9:09.

ARTICLE 2.

Mr. Anderson moved: That a Committee of five be appointed by the Moderator to make a study of the By-Laws of the Town and report to the next Annual Town Meeting such revision for amendments to the By-Laws as it may deem desirable. Carried—9:10.

Mrs. French moved: That the Moderator appoint a committee of five to consider the matter of zoning and report at a subsequent Town Meeting. Carried—9:11.

Mr. Foley moved: That the Moderator appoint an Industrial and Development Committee to bring to the attention of Manufacturers the advantages, and Home Owners the residential qualities of the Town. Carried.

ARTICLE 74.

Voted: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 for the expenses of the Planning Board. Carried—9:15.

ARTICLE 75.

Mr. Anderson moved: That the Town of Braintree adopt a standardized purchase order form as approved by a Committee of five to be appointed by the Moderator, and that this approved form shall be put into general use in all purchasing departments of the Town not later than May 1, 1939, and that the Board of Selectmen shall be responsible for furnishing and distributing these forms to the various departments, and shall charge each department for the quantities used, and that the control copy of each purchase order issued by each department be properly classified and mailed each week by the Town Accountant to the

Chairman of the Controller's Committee which was authorized by the Town under Referendum No. 3, March, 1938. Carried 9:40.

ARTICLE 76.

Mr. Horace R. Drinkwater submitted a detailed report of the Special Committee appointed under Article 53 of the 1934 Annual Town Meeting, outlining plans for the Three Hundredth Anniversary Celebration for Braintree.

Moved: To appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) for expenses of the committee authorized and appointed under a vote taken on April 2, 1934 under Article 53 of the Annual Warrant for that year. And further, to authorize, so far as the Town has the power to do so, the said committee to enter into certain contracts and agreements for the purpose of providing in 1940 a suitable celebration of the three hundredth anniversary of the incorporation of the Town of Braintree, said contracts and agreements not to obligate the Town to an extent exceeding six thousand five hundred dollars (\$6,500.00), in addition to the above appropriation.

Mr. Justice moved: That this Article be laid on the table and referred to the next Annual Town Meeting. Not carried 10:33.

The Moderator appointed the following Tellers: Messrs. Little, Almquist, Rice, Ryan, Walker, White, Hale and Young.

On the original motion, as offered, there being 90 in the affirmative and 89 in the negative—the motion was lost. (This motion required a two-thirds vote.) 10:37.

Mr. Cavanagh moved: Reconsideration of Article 76. There being 119 in the affirmative and 52 in the negative—Carried 10:47.

Vote was then taken on the original motion offered under Article 76. There being 116 in the affirmative and 64 in the negative—the motion was lost. (This motion required a two-thirds vote.) 10:52.

ARTICLE 23.

Voted: That we take up Article 23—Item 6 at this time.

Mr. Bartlett moved: That we raise and appropriate the sum of \$14,000.00 for the purchase of a 65 Ft. Service Aerial Ladder Truck. There being 82 in the affirmative and 98 in the negative—Not carried. 12:02.

Mr. Connell moved: That the Chief of the Fire Department is instructed and authorized to purchase a complete new ladder equipment for the present ladder truck if, in his judgment, that is necessary. That he buy the kind and type that best suits the needs of the Town, and that the total cost shall not exceed \$1,000. Carried—12:05.

Mr. Connell moved: That the Chief of the Fire Department is hereby instructed to have John H. Hill Motor Service, 226 Water Street, Quincy, bring the present ladder truck up to the safest driving conditions possible by the installation of new Gunitite Carbon Steel Drums and the best of linings, together with XT½ operating valve as additional equipment, so as to operate emergency brakes as well as foot brakes with vacuum control, taking advantage of the Booster that is now installed, total cost being \$189.80—detailed specifications and proposed bid attached:

Labor	\$54.00
2—Gunite rear brake drums	47.50
1—Set rear brake linings	14.30
1—XT ½ Operating valve	17.50
10—Ft. air hose	4.50
4—Lbs. fibre grease .....	.80
2—Sliding yokes	2.00
1—Set drive shaft brake linings	4.50
1—Hand brake main cable	3.75
1—Drive shaft brake drum	23.75
1—Center cross shaft	6.00
Bolts, nuts, keys and springs	11.20
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	\$189.80

Carried—12:07.

Mr. Connell moved: That the Chief of the Fire Department is hereby authorized to purchase a pair of new tires and tubes for the present ladder truck, same to be balloon type tires, cost to be approximately \$128.—Carried 12:09.

Mr. Foley offered the following resolution: RESOLVED—That the first meeting under the new form of Government, congratulates and wishes to express its gratitude on the fairness and impartial manner in which it was conducted under the Moderator, William F. Rogers. Carried.

Mr. Cavanagh moved: That the Tercentenary Committee be given a vote of Confidence. Carried 12:10.

ARTICLE 2.

Under Article 2, the following Resolution was offered:

Whereas: The W.P.A. was primarily designed to relieve unemployment by providing work for the unemployed and

Whereas: The type of employment is of secondary interest and

Whereas: Those projects known as street improvements are more economical for the Town to operate than curb or sidewalk projects and in the interest of economy should be preferred

Therefore: Be it Resolved, That, the Braintree Town Meeting in meeting assembled on April 17, 1939 do hereby instruct the Board of Selectmen to give preference to this type of project. Carried.

ARTICLE 77.

Voted: No action under Article 77. Carried 12:13.

Appropriations to be raised by taxation	\$1,028,490.20
Appropriations not in tax levy	251,860.55

Total Appropriations	<hr/> \$1,280,350.75
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Moved: That the Annual Town Meeting be adjourned. So voted—12:14.

A true copy, Attest:

ERNEST C. WOODSUM,
Town Clerk.

BIRTHS

BIRTHS received too late to appear in the Town Report:

Date	Name	Parents' Names
Dec. 30, 1934	Carolyn Bates Thayer	Kenneth and Miriam G.
Jan. 3, 1938	Robert Gatton Burns	William and Clara
Dec. 4, 1938	Jeanne Kershaw Comeau	John and Mary
Dec. 9, 1938	Brian Edward Kenney	Edward and Shirley M.
Dec. 17, 1938	Elaine Margaret Donnelly	Robert J. and Catherine

BIRTHS IN 1939

JANUARY

1	Nancy Ellen Yerkes	Harold L. and Mary J.
4	Judith McCusker	Richard M. and Margaret H.
10	William Benoit	Hormisdas A. and Eva A.
12	Carole Jean Richardson	James H. and Nina A.
12	Eileen Elizabeth Theresa Vitagliano	Generoso and Mary A.
14	Philip John Faustini, Jr.	Philip J. and Margaret M.
14	John Francis Finnerty	Joseph P. and Florence L.
15	Carl Donald Scrivener	Carl H. and Christobel F.
16	Allen Douglas Estabrook	Gordon N. and Gertrude M.
17	James Mullen	James and Marion
19	Robert Atherton Hunt	Edward A. and Catherine R.
19	James Atherton Hunt	Edward A. and Catherine R.
19	Marcia Catherine Miller	Clare L. and Catherine H.
20	Joan Brewster Cutler	David R. and Patience B.
21	Jacqueline Ruth Smith	J. A. and Ruth L.
24	Barbara Geraldine Allsopp	Arthur E. and Barbara H.
24	Kenneth Raymond MacLeod	Raymond A. and Margaret H.
25	John Stanley Huber, Jr.	John and Wanda
26	Betty Ann Bates	Everett E. and Clara E.
26	Jane Damon	Walter S. and Mary F.
26	Nancy Christine Luoma	Francis G. and Cecile
28	Brenda Neubauer	C. Hal and Madeline G.
31	Charlotte Clark Tripp	David A. and Elizabeth J.
31	Frank Brown Whiting, Jr.	Frank B. and Florence M.

FEBRUARY

5	Lyman Raymond Messer	Albert R. and Mary R.
7	James Richard Collins	William H. and Mary J.
7	Robert Norwood Elkington	Benjamin J. and Milwood E.
8	Ann Estella Crehan	Herbert F. and Ruperta A.
14	Robert Kevin Kelly	James D. and Anne M.
16	Patricia Ann Puglisi	Santo and Florence
18	Carol Stewart Thomas	Wendell E. and Lillian S.
19	Barbara Jane Connell	William J., Jr. and Olive
22	Albert Ralph DeBold	William R. and Esther L.
23	Virginia Mary Doyle	Richard E. and Evelyn M.
26	Bette Ann Wentworth	Calvin D. and Ebba M.
28	John Standish Temple, Jr.	John S. and Phyllis E.

MARCH

Date	Name	Parents' Names
4	Stillborn	
5	Arlene Lorraine Waters	John G. and Arlene G.
6	Charles Gregory Gillies	Charles W. and Marjorie R.
6	George Frederick Holden, Jr.	George F. and Eleanor K.
7	Robert Bruce Muirhead, 3rd	Robert B. and Mary M.
7	Dolores Anne Woelfel	Francis and Cecelia
12	Robert Donald Smith	William H. and Margaret
14	Donald Owen Worthen	Ray O. and Dorothy C.
17	Archibald Livingston Whyte, Jr.	Archibald L. and Dorothy R.
17	Julia Patricia Coletti	Arnold and Nellie
17	Patricia Brow	Joseph and Josephine
19	John Owen Myatt	Walter J. and Helen G.
20	James Lowell Van Doren	John B. and Rena
23	James Clement LeVangie	Curtis and Emily
23	Robert John Bullock	Robert J. and Grace E.
28	Maria Anne Faunce	Harry M. and Kathryn M.
29	William Scheures Jordan	Malcolm G. and Wilhelmina
30	Francis Eugene Shortsleeves	Preston S. and Katherine A.

APRIL

1	Kenneth Parker Fallon, 3rd	Kenneth P., Jr. and Anna
3	Susan Allen	Ralph B. and Mary C.
5	Joseph Peter Benotti	Amelado P. and Nancy F.
5	Gail Mary Johnson	Robert and Katheryne
6	Jean Roberta Darling	Joseph O. and Ethel E.
7	Phillips Campbell Baird	Gordon M. and Dorothy
7	Nancy Lee Dockendorff	William S. and Hazel F.
9	Judith Mary Leining	Gustave H. and Edna B.
12	Sandra Anne Owens	Albert J. and Blanche M.
14	Edward Douglas Rose	Howard J. and Myrtle D.
14	Kenneth Newton Hastings	Newton H. and Ella V.
15	Margaret Conant Sheldon	Prescott B. and Edith
19	Graham Elliot Thomas Jenson	James and Josephine
20	Maureen Kane	Harold J. and Helen
20	Donna Lee Murray	Harold F. and Mildred E.
20	Robert Allen Vigneau	Robert A. and Evelyn
23	Francis Joseph Carlozzi	Frank and Inez
25	Geraldine Ann Paty	Leroy F. and Angelina
25	Joseph Francis Kelley	Michael J. and Mary
27	Jane Hunter Bennett	Charles M., 3rd and Margaret E.
28	Irene Mary Abar	Burt G. and Irene E.
29	Stephen Wesley Flaherty	Joseph W. and Elizabeth M.
29	Elsie Lorraine Nickerson	Frank L. and Emily G.
30	Sheila Mae Hardy	Charles P. and Dorothy M.

MAY

1	Gerald Francis Nelligan	John W. and Elizabeth
1	Allan Carl Wirkala	Oscar S. and Helen C.
2	Nancy Ann Moffett	John L. and Florence A.
7	Virginia Marie Ryan	John J. and Agnes V.
8	Yvonne Dawson Sarty	Ralph W. and Ruby D.
10	Joyce Lorraine Wolcott	Roderick S. and Marion S.
11	Paul Arthur Johnson	Harold W. and Emma L.
11	Alice Olive Gillis	Alexander T. and Alice L.
12	Richard Earl Jacobs, Jr.	Richard E. and Iris M.
12	Charlene Miriam Dibble	Charles F., Jr. and Miriam
13	Gerald Lester Robinson	Lester W. and Joyce E.
13	Paul Johnson Morse	Frank P. and Barbara J.

Date	Name	Parents' Names
15	Harold Spaulding Green, Jr.	Harold S. and Ruth E.
16	John Briggs Thunberg	Frank E. and Barbara S.
21	Alden Taylor Foster	Franklin L. and Evelyn S.
26	Tina Angie Richardi	Rocco and Tina M.
26	Robert Dale Hauston	Bertram and Althea M.
27	Paul Francis Curry	Paul A. and Grace
29	Wesson B. Williams, Jr.	Wesson B. and Ethel E.
30	Joan Carol Woodworth	LeRoy E. and Gloria C.

JUNE

2	Anne Sheridan O'Connell	John M., Jr. and Anne J.
2	John Michael O'Connell, 3rd	John M., Jr. and Anne J.
2	Roberta Ellen Toye	Lloyd J. and Ida M.
3	Oliver James Diack, Jr.	Oliver J. and Ruth
8	June Nancy Ritchie	William S. and Helga
8	Brenda Newson	Stanley and Irene
13	Lawrence Leslie Farrand	Harold C. and Gladys V.
13	Nancy Gertrude Almquist	Elton E. and Helen G.
13	Ross Sweetser Barrett	W. Clayton and Rolina R.
14	Frederic Folsom Heap	Hargreaves, Jr. and Lucile
17	Janet Mary Norcross	John W. and Evelyn F.
19	Robert H. Needham	Clifford A. and Rauha E.
19	Dana Richard Jackson	Norman R. and Aldana E.
23	Patrick DeGiso	Alphonse and Bertha
23	John DeGiso	Alphonse and Bertha
25	Barbara Dorothy Hannigan	Wayne H. and Cynthia B.
25	Brenda Carol Frazier	John A. and Gladys
26	Leonard Francis Vinton	Elmer F. and Dorothy L.
26	Arthur Owen Sprague, Jr.	Arthur O. and Lovelette G.
26	Joseph Richard Callahan	Joseph and Myrtle
27	Brenda Joyce Arnold	Ralph H. and Leah M.
28	Janice Marlene Prince	Douglas W. and Isabelle L.
28	Edward Arthur Lunt	Edward H. and Grace J.
29	Bertram Campbell	Bertram and Gertrude M.
29	Francis James Fabiano	Joseph and Marion J.
29	Eileen Mary Davidson	George A. and Nancy

JULY

1	Frederick Arthur Crosby	George B. and Yvonne O.
1	Paul Alan Cody	Arthur L. and Hazel J.
2	John Richard Fillis	Leo and Margaret
4	William Francis Pagnano	Maurice F. and Rita C.
5	Alexander John McCartney	Alexander and Julia V.
8	Joseph Paul Daiute	Chester P. and Marguerite
8	Carol Arlene Mills	Carroll F. and Ruby P.
11	Gertrude Foley	George J. and Edith M.
12	Dianne Mott	Richard and Kathryn
13	Suzanne Carol Rasquin	Carl F. and Ruth A.
15	Mary Frances Shea	John T. and Mary M.
16	John Joseph Gallagher	James F. and Helen F.
17	Michael Theodoro Dantuono	Egidio and Frances M.
18	Phyllis Claire Frogel	Reuben H. and Frances
21	Neil Frederick Wetherbee	Frederick and Anna
23	Ellen Rosemarie Cushing	Leonard F. and Edna G.
23	John Wallace MacDougall, Jr.	John W. and Mildred R.
24	Peter Ranney Smith	Stanley E. and Dorothy M.
29	John Joseph Morley, 3rd	John J., Jr. and Doris M.
31	Joyce Frieda Quinlan	George F. and Dorothy
31	Judith Ann Powers	Raymond F. and Lydia L.

AUGUST

Date	Name	Parents' Names
2	Arthur George Torrey	Charles I. and Esther I.
2	Althea Elizabeth Torrey	Charles I. and Esther I.
4	Crucy Mary Leo	Angelo and Nancy M.
5	Franklin Arthur Stackpole	George H. and Louise M.
11	John Edward Rinaldi	Guy and Grace
12	Fuller	James and Frances
13	Vernon Standish Chapman, 3rd	Vernon S., Jr. and Ruth
14	Hugh Duncan Kane	William D. and Madeline T.
19	Ann Volpe	Sabestino and Ethel E.
19	Frank Anthony Graziano	Anthony and Mary A.
19	Nancy Helen Gould	William R. and Helen
19	Suzanne Yvonne Steen	Allan and Alice
21	George Howland Fitzgerald	John F. and Eleanor F.
21	Donald Brian Jones	Harold E. and Cecilia D.
22	Joseph James O'Connell	Joseph J. and Kathryn E.
22	Stillborn	
23	Patricia Louise Dalto	James A. and Elizabeth L.
23	Ann Louise Petze	Louis M. and Mary E.
25	Robert William Sullivan	Robert and M. Grace
27	Roberta NicholSEN	John J. and Catherine S.
27	Barbara Gertrude Kent	Walter F. and Catherine E.
30	Nancy Ruth Chase	Harry L., Jr. and Ruth C.
31	Richard Arthur Macomber	Harrison C. and Katherine L.
31	George Walter Hockaday	George W. and Ruth H.

SEPTEMBER

5	Leslie Anne D'Arigo	Stuart X. and Marion E.
5	Linda Catherine Keep	Westley E. and Evelyn M.
7	Edward Carlyle Sargent	Edward and Beatrice
8	Marilyn Edith Cain	Merrill and Maedora
9	Ann Patricia Whalen	John H. and Doris W.
9	Donald Patrick Regan	James and Gertrude
10	Walter Edward Huskins	Walter E. and Catherine D.
11	Mills	Robert and Ruth
12	Nicholson	James and Winifred
14	James Holland Beal, Jr.	James H. and Georgette A.
16	Edward DuFau Barker	Edward F. and Augusta
17	Robert Wilson Edwards	Chester W. and Ellen M.
17	Judith Ann Hall	Charles R. and Elsie E.
19	Thomas Theodore Prentis, Jr.	Thomas T. and Louise M.
25	Patricia Anne Swan	Patrick J. and Patricia C.
26	James William Counter	Robert R. and Dorothy
26	Deane McAllister Hutton	Robert M. and Virginia
26	Gladys Mae Smith	William H. and Gladys M.
28	James Michael LeVangie	Joseph E. and Mary J.
29	Gail Bennett	John and Eleanor

OCTOBER

4	John Joseph Leetch	William P. and Mary E.
6	Bradley David Newcomb	Ernest B., Jr. and Elizabeth
7	Peter Laurence Smith	Norman and Beatrice
9	Kenneth Galvin Dugan	John and Rhoda
9	Elsie Belle Ames	John B. and Esther
10	John Harold Hansen	Hilding A. and Elsie E.
11	Wilhelmina Keith	Leslie E. and Pauline D.
11	James Edward Carroll	James G. and Catherine J.

Date	Name	Parents' Names
11	Nancy Jones	G. Vinton and Mildred
13	Judith Ann Boettcher	Alfred W. and Theresa M.
13	Beatrice Mary Hawes	Lester M. and Irene F.
14	Marjorie Coates	William and Charlotte
21	Susan Elizabeth LeVangie	Edmund J. and Esther A.
25	Peter Marston Ewart	Robert G. and Dorothy J.
27	Judith Ann Sward	Harry W. and Gladys M.
28	Lorraine Ruby Fosdick	Charles W. and Ella
29	Janice Isabelle Lyons	John P. and Marjorie L.
30	Teresa Colantonio	Francisco and Angela
31	Teresa Ann Price	Bernard and Frances

NOVEMBER

1	Charles Martin Landry	George H. and Mary E.
6	Nancy Elizabeth Hazlett	Robert R. and Mildred E.
9	Lorraine Ann Levangie	Richard D. and Ada E.
10	Thomas Adams Roberts	George J. and Helen A.
10	Janice Bridget Hurley	Walter and Josephine
11	Williams	William and Ruth
13	Susan Ann Gage	Minot G. and Dorothy
15	Paul Eaton Sellgren	Oke and Cecile
16	Walter Edward Erwin, Jr.	Walter E. and Kathleen B.
16	Patricia Anne Tyson	James A. and Elizabeth
18	Charles Richard Moran	Richard C. and Matilda M.
18	Ann Gertrude Skinner	Henry B. and Mary C.
19	Cynthia Matheson Palmer	Edward E. and Hildreth
19	Vivian Dorothy Matters	Arthur and Dorothy
22	Cornelia Ellen Love	George P. and Esther P.
25	Joseph Vincent Mavila	Domenic and Frances
27	Thomas Jephtha Smith	Edmund K. and Dorothy

DECEMBER

2	John Burton Tipson	Ervin H. and Gladys D.
3	Loretta Mae Zottoli	Arthur A. and Alice J.
4	Sweezy	John R. and Myrtle E.
7	Patricia Beatrice Gannon	Ambrose E. and Beatrice T.
9	Louise May Brine	Howard and Grace
11	Medico	Lorenzo and Marguerite
11	Glenn Arthur Oxton	Ernest W. and Ella L.
11	James Felice Zampine	Felice J. and Julia A.
12	John Arthur Tellier	Russell A. and Lillian B.
12	Allen Northup Wentworth	Arthur A. and Florence
14	Lynne Joanne Mundt	Charles and Blanche M.
17	David Allen Bates	Clifford W. and Natalie M.
18	Marcia Louise Kelly	John J. and Maude M.
20	Beverly Kathleen Dowd	John and Winifred
23	Janet Lowe	George I. and Doris
23	Pauline Walker	Harrison A. and Louise
25	Carol Ann Chilson	Carleton and Gilda
26	Joseph Lamont Files, Jr.	Joseph L. and Ernestine F.
30	Sandra Ann Hennebury	Edward J. and Dorothy M.
31	Ruth Ellen Colavecchio	Leonard and Clara

MARRIAGES

IN 1939

JANUARY

Date	Name	Residence
1	Guide Rinaldi	Braintree
	Grace Louise Caramanica	Braintree
1	Francis Edwin Mischler	Braintree
	Marguerite Louise McNeil	Braintree
8	William Amon Barrasso	Braintree
	Anna Patricia Devine	Montello
18	Russell Allen Preston	Quincy
	Elizabeth Estelle Powell	Quincy
20	Elmer Blake King	Braintree
	Hazel Marie Sherman (Parmenter)	Brockton
21	Willard George Farquharson	Braintree
	Janet Theresa Frew	Quincy
22	Edward Robert Grishey	South Boston
	Mary Frances Hall	Braintree
28	Leonard Sewell Marshman	Braintree
	Barbara Kerr	Quincy

FEBRUARY

3	Frederick Milton Jones	Quincy
	Marian Lorraine Kendrick	Braintree
11	Norman Walton Smith	New York, N. Y.
	Doris Elizabeth Wolverton	Braintree
11	Erwin Harold Jipson	Braintree
	Gladys Dorothy Leeco	Braintree
18	William Granger Dyer	Braintree
	Anna Louise Quinn	Braintree
18	John Charles MacFarlane	Braintree
	Annamae Rita Lequin	Holyoke
19	Alex Drummond	Braintree
	Mary Josephine Butler	Charlestown
21	Harry Thomas Collins	Braintree
	Helen Davidson	Quincy
25	Manuel Arango	Taunton
	Angelina M. Franco	Boston
26	Frederick E. Brown	Braintree
	Jenny W. Riggs (Wixon)	Essex

MARCH

7	Arthur Merton Justice	Braintree
	Eileen Lorraine Simons	Stoughton
11	Donato Lamberto	Braintree
	Mary Venuti (Guarino)	Braintree
11	Leon Wendell Jordan	Braintree
	Vivian Ahlquist	Braintree

Date	Name	Residence
18	Charles Yetts Cain	Niagara Falls, N. Y.
	Helene Winifred Diehl	Quincy
18	Alton Stanley Kelley	So. Yarmouth
	Claire Geraldine Beattie	Braintree
19	Emilio William Consalvi	Braintree
	Janet Agnes Bukowski	Chicopee
19	Raymond LaDona La Marine	Braintree
	Mabel Edith Lovendale	Weymouth

APRIL

1	Rodney Clayton Larcom, Jr.	Dedham
	Janet Elsie Woodsum	Braintree
2	Warren Ellsworth Denton, 3rd	Braintree
	Roberta Edith Holmes	Boston
5	William Harold Carleton	Hanover
	Barbara Eleanor Graham	Scituate
8	Dominic DiNardo	Braintree
	Antoinette LaCivita	East Walpole
8	Alfred Osgood Fitch	Braintree
	Marion Louise Whitaker	Boston
9	Sydney Louis Hannon	Braintree
	Edna Pauline Bezanson	Braintree
9	John Joseph McCarthy	Braintree
	Hazel Reed (Moulton)	Braintree
10	Harry Ignatius Timilty	Hyde Park
	Kathleen Mary Shea	Braintree
12	Joseph William Meliconda	Braintree
	Mabel Scolponeti	Boston
14	Wilfred Ernest Schofield	Braintree
	Louise Crowell Westwood	Swampscott
15	Donald Sherman Smith	Weymouth
	Martha Christine Hamilton	Braintree
15	Thomas Joseph Henshon	Braintree
	Katherine Frances Flynn	Allston
16	Rosario Monteforte	Braintree
	Florence Tocci	Quincy
16	Edmund William DelPrete	Rockland
	Louise Marion DeGregorio	Braintree
19	Leo Francis Barry	Allston
	Helen Louise McGuire	Braintree
21	Charles Nicholas O'Brien	Braintree
	Ivy Isabel Short	Quincy
21	Herbert William Payne	Braintree
	Margaret Elizabeth Dillon	Braintree
21	Roger Lawrence Lane	Kingston
	Dorothy Dalton Clement	Braintree
22	Arthur Kendall Allinson	Weymouth
	Mary Roberts (Benson)	Scarsdale, N. Y.
23	Alexander Angelo Graziano	Braintree
	Pauline Mary Carlino	Braintree
26	Frederick Arthur Carleton	Brockton
	Winifred Mary Cardarople	Braintree
29	Donald Timberlake Estes	Randageley, Me.
	Phyllis Drollett	Braintree
29	Semon Babaian	Braintree
	Virginia Mattina	Quincy
30	Anthony Graziano	Braintree
	Mary Agnes Gerrior	Braintree

MAY

Date	Name	Residence
5	Norman Sherwood Drysdale	Braintree
	Mary Theresa Bourque	Braintree
12	Stanley Glenallen Cameron	Braintree
	Elizabeth Paton	Quincy
13	Edward Francis Murphy	Braintree
	Evelyn Gary Richards	Braintree
14	Charles Edward Smith	Braintree
	Winifred Virginia Ostrander	Braintree
14	Warren Evans Bryant	Quincy
	Ethel Adeline Harnish (Higgins)	Quincy
20	Robert Banks	Braintree
	Frances DeSales Harrigan	Scituate
20	David Bates Thayer	Braintree
	Barbara Fisher	Brookline
21	Elmer Bertram Harris	Braintree
	Edith M. Coletti	Quincy
21	John Andrew Berg	Quincy
	Blanche Christine Robinson	Braintree
24	Ralph Adelbert Mills	Bangor, Me.
	Alice Louise Rand	Bangor, Me.
26	Thomas Henry Payne	Braintree
	Marion Alice Poole	Weymouth
27	Robert Winston Sproul	Brockton
	Beatrice Delia Jackson	Braintree
29	Herbert L. Brackett	Dorchester
	Annie M. Nadell (Clark)	Dorchester

JUNE

1	Dominick Francis Ferrante	Braintree
	Josephine Anne Giovanni	Braintree
2	James Wilbur Roper	Braintree
	Cecile Mary Libby	Braintree
2	Frederick Irving Porter	No. Quincy
	Elizabeth MacLaughlin	Braintree
3	Robert James MacGregor	Braintree
	Esther Grace Havill	Boston
3	Avard Longley Walker, Jr.	Winchester
	Mary Elizabeth Hayden	Norway, Me.
3	Stanley Louis Sprague	Westwood
	Edith Parker	Braintree
3	Edward Richard Fahey	Brookline
	Camilla Collier	Braintree
3	Murdock Daniel McKinnon	Braintree
	Margaret Nina Parkman	Quincy
3	Charles Louis Mead	Braintree
	Kathryn Chamberlain	Quincy
3	Raymond James Dand	Braintree
	Hazel Dorothy Stevenson	Braintree
3	Harrison Dearing Gordon	Braintree
	Carolyn Williams	Braintree
10	Frederick Albert Leach, Jr.	E. Weymouth
	Dorothy Elizabeth Kendrick	Braintree
10	Raymond Mahlon Bean	Braintree
	Mabel Frances Pratt	Braintree
15	Arthur Joseph McGovern	Dorchester
	Monica Mary McGrath	Braintree
15	Christopher McRae Garland, Jr.	Braintree
	Hazel Lorraine Ellis	Braintree

Date	Name	Residence
16	Lloyd Raymond Vickery	Middleboro
	Alice Kempton Blackley	Braintree
17	John Raymond Meehan	Braintree
	Althea Laura Adams	Braintree
17	Joseph Willard White	Weymouth
	Dorothy Katherine Diekmeyer	Braintree
17	G. Curtis Hunnewell	Braintree
	Dorothy Belle Pratt	Quincy
17	Edwin Franklin Arnold	Braintree
	Helen Elizabeth James	Hingham
18	Edgar Sanford Wynot	Braintree
	Elizabeth Rowell	Braintree
18	Putnam Stearns	Cambridge
	Erlene Louise Kimball	Braintree
18	Andrew Angelist Daiute	Braintree
	Barbara Helen Mahan	Brookline
18	Francis Walter Coyman, Jr.	Dorchester
	Alice Marie McGrath	Braintree
18	John Francis Jankowski	Rockland
	Emily Marguerite Carter	Braintree
18	Thomas Alexander DeCoste	Braintree
	Anne Frances Martell	W. Quincy
21	Solon Bartlett McEnnis	Braintree
	Madeline Jaeger (Steffens)	Braintree
22	Thomas A. Reynolds	Darlington, S. C.
	Alberta Edwina Roberts	Braintree
23	John James Sullivan	Quincy
	Annie Goldie	Braintree
23	Warren Philip Burke	Braintree
	Dorothea Louise Cronin	Quincy
23	Frederick Ellis Wilkie	Quincy
	Ruth Papps (Williams)	Braintree
24	Francis Louis Knaus	Stoughton
	Marion Evelyn Tracey	Braintree
24	Russell Benner Whiting	Norwell
	Marion Louise Robinson	Braintree
24	Bernard Francis Doris	Braintree
	Jessie Finnie MacFarlane	Braintree
25	Edmund Hayward Bond	Vineyard Haven
	Evelyn Daisy Ruth Kuplast	Braintree
25	Francis Bartholomew Curran	Braintree
	Evangeline Sheerin	Braintree
25	Francis Anthony Doucette	Braintree
	Lillian Helen Moriarty	Quincy
25	Russell Lawrence White	Quincy
	Phyllis Annie Pitts	Braintree
25	Alfred Peter Bruni	E. Bridgewater
	Angela Pino	Braintree
25	Angelo Tiro	Revere
	Ida Joan DelPico	Braintree
25	William Raymond Mignault	Braintree
	Florence Alma Palmer	Braintree
25	Joseph David Barrett	Braintree
	Marjorie Veronica Leary	Quincy
28	Salvatore Pezzulo	Braintree
	Ida Mary Victoria Orismonto	Braintree
29	Merrill Grant Marshall	Braintree
	Blanche June Sayles	Lansing, Mich.
30	Walter Edward Pinola	Braintree
	Eleanor Virginia Phillips	E. Weymouth
30	Owen Ritchie	Braintree
	Agnes Frances Robinson	Quincy

JULY

Date	Name	Residence
2	Howard Maxwell Burke	Braintree
	Edith Theresa Bertolon	Dorchester
2	Joseph Gerard Cirigliano	Weymouth
	Rita Marie Duggan	Braintree
3	Clyde Lawrence Worth	Braintree
	Charlotte Mary Emmett	Holbrook
3	Francis Ervin Black	Braintree
	Lillian Frances Hentzi (Dabrowski)	Boston
4	Adolph Chizauskas	Braintree
	Nora O'Hara	Boston
4	Charles Gerstel	Jamaica Plain
	Anna Manning	Jamaica Plain
4	Eubert Whitman Frazier	Braintree
	Evelyn Johnson Gloster	Weymouth
5	John Thomas Crowell	Braintree
	Ruth Patricia Duggan	Braintree
9	Anthony Michael Devaney	Quincy
	Claire Lucille Diauto	Braintree
9	Clayton Littlehale Fairbanks	Braintree
	Mildred Esther Pope	Weymouth
9	Michael Ianuzzi	Braintree
	Angelina Rossetti	East Boston
13	Wesley Harry Bean	Newton
	Silena Elnora Perry	Newton
15	William Chester Johnson	Weymouth
	Mildred Marguerite Cobbett (Vinton)	Weymouth
25	Frank Everett Hull	Braintree
	Ethel May Harvey	Weymouth
26	Donovan Defieux Barnes	Quincy
	Ruth Ethel Diekmeyer	Braintree
28	Joseph Louis Hart	Wollaston
	Rena Mary Ryan	Braintree
30	Robert John Cummings, Jr.	Wollaston
	Isabel Ross	Braintree
30	Warner Maurice Fitch	Braintree
	Mary Aloysia Parnell	Weymouth

AUGUST

1	Ernest Hodgdon Linscott	Braintree
	Frances Elizabeth Dodge	Braintree
4	Eugene Sullivan	Braintree
	Vera Dahlby (Johnson)	Braintree
5	Walter G. Merriam, Jr.	Braintree
	Lillian M. Filipow	Hyde Park
5	John Nestor Colby	Braintree
	Margaret Evelyn LeBlanc	Dorchester
5	Harold Francis Cain	Weymouth
	Beatrice Irving	Braintree
7	Antonio Zouras	Braintree
	Alice Marie Julian	Braintree
7	Philip Coleman Chandler	Plymouth
	Margaret Fisher Cameron	Braintree
8	Stanley Leonard Knudsen	Braintree
	Marjorie Edith Scheible	Braintree
9	John Brendon Williams	Braintree
	Phyllis Edith Allan	Jamaica Plain

Date	Name	Residence
9	Ernest Lawrence Donovan, Jr.	W. Quincy
	Ruth Eleanor Simonds	Braintree
9	Oren Carrier	Braintree
	Eola Bertha Carter	Braintree
11	Harold Wilson Whitehouse	Braintree
	Ellen Louisa Smith	Braintree
11	George Irving Lowe	Braintree
	Doris Rook	Braintree
11	George Joseph Walsh	Hanson
	Judith Helen Farquhar	Braintree
11	William Steadman Burton	Braintree
	Marion Margaret Lowe (Kitts)	Braintree
12	William H. Dunham	Watertown
	Bessie A. Hill (Trefry)	Boston
13	Clarence Joseph Leahy	Braintree
	Elizabeth Lillian Gallagher	Quincy
14	Joseph Edward O'Brien	Braintree
	Livia Bongarzone	Scituate
16	Frank Clifford Torrey	So. Weymouth
	Hazel Smith Osmond (Smith)	Brookline
16	Robert Eugene Sanford	Braintree
	Florence Mary Falconer	Quincy
19	Victor Eugene Sears	Braintree
	Carolyn Dean Sampson	Braintree
19	William Everett Hamilton	Braintree
	Patricia Katherine Lyons	Holbrook
20	Francis Cleary O'Brien	Weymouth
	Evelyn Catherine McNamara	Braintree
26	William Thomas Landry	Braintree
	Margaret Helen Bersani	Quincy
26	John Severin Hansen, 2nd	Braintree
	Priscilla Atwill Shippee	Hingham
26	Ralph Grier Bussler	Braintree
	Jessie M. Simson	Quincy
26	Paul Vincent McDermott	Randolph
	Bonnie Meriel White	Braintree
27	Albert Edward Caramanica	Braintree
	Elizabeth Frances Parker	Quincy
27	Newton Hubbard McKean, Jr.	Braintree
	Esther Anne Tibbetts	Braintree
27	Walter Brennock Heffernan	Weymouth
	Frances Dorothea Lund	Braintree

SEPTEMBER

1	Henry James McCusker	Braintree
	Mildred Mary Hanabury	Weymouth
1	Ralph Henry Butler	Braintree
	Amelia Frances Story	Wollaston
1	Albert George Brace	Amherst
	Rita Mary Powers	Braintree
2	Leonard Barnes	Weymouth
	Barbara Tirrell	Weymouth
2	Albert Russell Lucid	Braintree
	Cecilia Dorothy Lutkevich	Boston
2	Harry Lawrence Perry	Whitman
	Benson Davidson	Braintree
3	Americo Risio	Quincy
	Rose Mary Ialenti	Braintree

Date	Name	Residence
4	John Florian Murphy	W. Quincy
	Frances Rita Monaghan	Braintree
5	Kenneth Fenton Service	Quincy
	Phyllis Irene Holbrook	Quincy
8	Turner Fairbanks Dow	Weymouth
	Helen Moore Jordan	Braintree
8	Paul Louis Goodhue	Braintree
	Irene Evelyn Kurtz	Braintree
9	Gordon Elwood Trask	Braintree
	Barbara Converse	Braintree
9	Harry Joseph Baker, Jr.	Braintree
	Doris Mae Robbins	Braintree
12	Albert Elmer Blackington	Braintree
	Eleanor Arlene Woods	Holbrook
13	Thomas Maskilieson	Quincy
	Margaret O'Rourke	Braintree
14	Lawrence Peter Frazier	Braintree
	Veronica Margaret Loughan	Quincy
16	Robert Oliver Stoddard	Braintree
	Georgia Lee Kennedy	Quincy
17	Primo Parodi	West Quincy
	Evelyn Rose DeCoste	Braintree
17	Carleton Levi Wing	Braintree
	Bertha Irene Aldrich	Braintree
22	Walter Francis Frazier	Braintree
	Isabel Blanche Watters	Braintree
23	Ivan Nathaniel Keith	Weymouth
	Rose Catherine Hall	Braintree
23	Burpee Edward McKenna	Braintree
	Kathryn Emma Belyea	Braintree
24	James Lewis Finnegan	Braintree
	Anna Marie Lange	Brockton
28	James Davis Briggs	Braintree
	Cecelia Margaret Comeau	Braintree
30	Roger William Curtis	Gloucester
	Winifred Joan Fountain	Braintree
30	Robert Michael Burke	Braintree
	Margaret Anna Mullen	Quincy
30	Ellsworth Herbert Warbin	Braintree
	Viola Elizabeth Anderson	Saugus
30	Edwin Neil Elliott	Braintree
	Suzanne Smith	Newbury, Vt.

OCTOBER

3	Everett Harold Young	Arlington
	Carol Milbank Waters	Braintree
3	Howard William Honneus	Braintree
	Ann Foy Oatt (Billings)	Braintree
7	Peter David Woodrow Kearney	Braintree
	Annie Gertrude Adler	Roxbury
11	John Lawrence McCarron	Quincy
	Mary Winifred McCarty	Braintree
11	Fred Melvin Forbes	Rockland
	Alice Mary Rich	Braintree
11	Durant Elmore Lathrop, Jr.	Braintree
	Lillian Lewis	Quincy
12	John Roger Haviland	Weymouth
	Agnes Marguerite O'Rourke	Braintree

Date	Name	Residence
12	Nicholas Mavilia	Braintree
	Rose Mary Bille	South Boston
12	Rudolph Lincoln Couillard	Braintree
	Dorothy Ethel MacInnis	Newtonville
12	Edward Sanders Southworth	Braintree
	Esther Lura Whitmarsh	West Roxbury
12	Eugene Chester Fisher	Westwood
	Ruth Esther Sampson	Braintree
14	Frank Alves	Braintree
	Dorothy Lydia Doane	Braintree
14	Joseph Alphonsus Haley, Jr.	Braintree
	Glenda Gertrude Gavin	Randolph
14	Caleb Kelley Hurst	Braintree
	Una Ursula Whitehead	Quincy
14	Carl Grue Streiferd	Braintree
	Jessie Christine Saunders	Weymouth
15	James Matthew Milne	Braintree
	Nancy Barningham Crees	Braintree
15	John Dudley Gannon	Braintree
	Alice Geraldine O'Brien	Weymouth
15	James Joseph Hughes	Braintree
	Doris Louise Creed	Braintree
16	Robert Timothy Hussey	Braintree
	Charlotte Mary Artesani (Falwell)	Braintree
21	Hugh Daniel Johnson	Braintree
	Nina Rook	Braintree
21	Robert Sylvester Munger	Dallas, Texas
	Elizabeth Evans	Braintree
22	Richard Alfred Hale	Braintree
	Sarah Marie Jameson	Roslindale
24	Norman Hallett Shepard	Attleboro
	Frances Locke Roberts	Braintree
25	Leroy Reid Follett	Braintree
	Evelyn Holbrook	Braintree
26	Rolfe Harry Alexander Chellberg	Quincy
	Mabel Marie Frances Galetti	Braintree
27	Charles Robert Barnett	Braintree
	Lillian May Willson	Braintree
28	Howard Elias Chapman	Groton, Conn.
	Arlene Decker Larsen	New London, Conn.
28	Joseph Francis Papineau	Brockton
	Gertrude Tilden	Braintree

NOVEMBER

4	George Albert Mitchell	Braintree
	Madeline Louise Brennan	Bridgewater
4	Frank Cameron MacCardell	Providence, R. I.
	Elsa Louisa Pritchard	North Providence, R. I.
8	Michael Charles Nakashian	Medford
	Evelyn Elizabeth Joy	Braintree
11	George Henry Gerrior, Jr.	Braintree
	Natalie Ann Chamberlin	Braintree
12	George James Zamer	Braintree
	Nicolena DiBartolomeo	Quincy
14	Arthur Buxton Davey, Jr.	Braintree
	Marjorie Louise Honneus	Braintree
15	Dominic Botto	Chelsea
	Anna Baron	Chelsea

Date	Name	Residence
22	J. Sumner Willis, Jr.	Brockton
	Jean Rea MacKenzie	Easton
25	Arthur Charles Tedesco	Rockland
	Jennie Felaccio	Braintree
25	Morgan Joseph O'Regan	Quincy
	Anne Patricia Keating	Braintree
28	Benjamin Johnson	Quincy
	Mary Bertha McCusker	Braintree
30	John Francis Better, Jr.	Braintree
	Florence Lorraine Butler	Braintree
30	William Arthur Cormier	Braintree
	Alice Florence Diotte	Braintree
30	Hugo Quintiliano	West Quincy
	Elsie Louise Costantino	Braintree

DECEMBER

2	Ralph Lewis Phipps, Jr.	Braintree
	Carmela Tocci	Newton
3	Clarence Atwood Nado	Braintree
	Alice Dorothy Stevens	Holbrook
8	Richard Sheldon Amison	Quincy
	Ruby Virginia Crossman	North Weymouth
9	Leslie G. Smith	Boston
	Florence B. Foster	Boston
10	Frank Towner Grant	Braintree
	Lillian Marie Quinn	Braintree
16	Wayne Ellis Backes	Braintree
	Lillian Mary Varner	Zelienople, Pa.
21	Joseph Frank Spano	Quincy
	Ethel Elizabeth Crossman	Braintree
23	Harrison Lemuel Benson	Braintree
	Gwendolyn Talbot Morton	Braintree
26	Walter Dolan	Quincy
	Catherine Margaret Hayden	Braintree
28	Ralph Thomas Noonan	Framingham
	Louise McIlvene	Braintree
29	Clifton Herbert Allison	Braintree
	Angelina Mottola	Weymouth
30	Albert Edward Bentham	Braintree
	Hazel Dean Shorey	Braintree
31	Edwin Graham Field	Braintree
	Mary Helen Levangie	Braintree
31	James Michael Sullivan	Boston
	Elizabeth Patricia Mera	Braintree
31	Raymond Leo Dalton	Braintree
	Frances Julia Dupras	Randolph

Total number of marriages: 241.

Residence of Males: Braintree, 147; other places in Massachusetts, 86; New York, 2; Maine, 2; Rhode Island, Connecticut, South Carolina and Texas, 1 each.

Residence of Females: Braintree, 134; other places in Massachusetts, 99; Maine, 2; Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, Vermont, Pennsylvania and Michigan, 1 each.

Birthplace of Males: Braintree, 45; other places in Massachusetts, 144; Canada, 10; New York, 8; Maine, 4; New Hampshire, 4; Connecticut, 4; Michigan, 3; Italy, 3; Rhode Island, 2; Pennsylvania, 2; Ohio, 2; England, 2; Vermont, Delaware, Texas, Scotland, Ireland, Greece, Russia and Czechoslovakia, 1 each.

Birthplace of Females: Braintree, 46; other places in Massachusetts, 145; Canada, 8; Maine, 6; Rhode Island, 6; New Hampshire, 3; Vermont, 3; Connecticut, 3; England, 3; Italy, 3; New York, 2; Pennsylvania, 2; Scotland, 2; Ireland, 2; Washington, D. C., Maryland, West Virginia, Michigan, North Dakota, California and Finland, 1 each.

Marriages solemnized in Braintree, 114; Quincy, 38; Weymouth, 26; Boston, 23; Brockton, 5; Newton, 4; Holbrook, 3; Brookline, 3; Hingham, 2; Scituate, 2; Dedham, 2; Vermont, 2; Randolph, Halifax, Plymouth, New Bedford, Hull, Lynn, Framingham, East Walpole, Attleboro, Holyoke, Lowell, Essex, Swampscott, Newburyport, Maine, New Hampshire and Rhode Island, 1 each.

DEATHS IN 1939

JANUARY

Date	Name	Birthplace	Age
1	Lorenzo Grazioso	Italy	66— 4—17
4	Lucy L. Gove	Cohasset	73— 5— 0
5	James F. McDonnell	Braintree	65— 7— 0
5	William Thomas McCormick	Cambridge	69— 1— 6
6	Margaret T. Chamberlin	Watertown	57— 9— 1
7	William H. Little	Quincy	42— 5— 6
7	John J. Barrett	Glendon, Pa.	65— 7—18
8	George Oswald MacDonald	Halifax, N. S.	69— 6—28
8	Helen Mary Collins	Ireland	52— 3—10
12	Florence L. Bentham	Raynham	57— 6— 5
12	Margaret Nowell	Framingham	20— 8—13
13	James Brown	Quincy	41— 4—19
14	Eleanor Clapp Drinkwater	East Weymouth	63— 8—20
14	James Harrison	Portsmouth, N. H.	69— 4—16
15	Blanch M. Sanderson	Worcester	52— 4— 9
16	David G. Strathdee	Stonehaven, Scotland	83— 8—29
16	Margaret Pearl Gillette	Scotland	61— 0— 0
19	Frank Thomas Lindsay	Natick	57— 4— 0
20	Phoebe Agnes Marsters	Burlington, N. S.	96— 6— 0
25	Stephen T. Impey	England	79— 1—12
26	Josephine I. Hamel	Weymouth	47— 9—25
29	Trevor I. Bailey	Canada	31— 0— 0

FEBRUARY

2	Frank M. Beverage	Thomaston, Me.	84— 7—27
5	Celia Palmer	Taunton	79— 9—18
5	Ugo Giannetti	Wrentham	23— 4—18
10	Abbie Myra Hayden	Weymouth	62— 7—21
10	Elizabeth Dillon Murphy	Rockland	76— 8— 0
11	Ralph Chafe	Boston	42—11—28
12	David Svedine	Saratoga, Wis.	28—10—11
12	Delia E. Connors	Massachusetts	67— 8—10
13	Amanda Russell Hildreth	Holliston	91— 2—29
15	Mary B. Duffy	Ireland	61— 0— 0
16	Jeremiah Levangie	Nova Scotia	84— 5—26
17	Ethel Forrest Folsom	Quebec	61— 5— 3
18	Richard Parnell McCarthy	Quincy	56—11—29
19	Helen Driscoll	Newton	41— 4—14
21	Charles A. McGrath	Bath, Maine	69— 7— 0
21	Ernest S. Strout	Lowell	58— 5—17
27	Flora Spear	Braintree	60— 4—19
28	Mary E. Bourbeau	East Weymouth	64— 0— 0
28	Albert F. Buker	Braintree	60—11—14

MARCH

1	Beverly J. Diotte	Boston	3— 2— 0
4	Stillborn		
5	Anne R. Winslow	Wales	66— 0—10
6	Costanza Sacchetti	Italy	51— 6— 9
8	Ruth Concannon	Boston	12— 5— 0

Date	Name	Birthplace	Age
9	Lillian M. Spline	Boston	62— 0— 9
10	Mary B. Cassidy	Ireland	76— 0— 0
13	William L. Huber	Winchester	49— 6— 6
19	Archibald Whyte, 3rd	Weymouth	0— 0— 2
23	Mary E. Carlson	Finland	53— 5— 15
23	James Mattie	Nova Scotia	73— 11— 18
23	Madeline Felaccio	Italy	62— 0— 0
24	Phebe MacGregor	England	94— 7— 13
24	Tage Edward Kjellander	Sweden	75— 0— 16
24	Martin Alonzo Minchin	Braintree	69— 4— 10
25	James Hughes	Boston	0— 8— 7
26	Thomas Nicholson	Ireland	65— 11— 5
29	Ferdinand John Draper	Boston	62— 0— 0
29	Oscar Edwin Hough	Hingham	66— 3— 4
31	George F. Brady	Boston	42— 5— 21

APRIL

2	Henry Cabot Lodge Hadley	Boston	44— 4— 24
2	George L. Randall	Duxbury	92— 4— 0
2	Edith Traynor	Quincy	28— 1— 5
2	William Brooks	Braintree	73— 8— 3
3	Jennette Hutchinson	Alna, Me.	91— 11— 27
4	John Ausiello	Boston	34— 8— 22
4	Ellsworth Benson	Massachusetts	25— 11— 5
4	Waldo H. Brown	Salem	52— 9— 7
4	Walter Kirk	Boston	40— 8— 24
4	John Ibrook Tower	Boston	41— 1— 12
6	Sumner Levy	Cambridge	21— 3— 17
7	Angelina (Arico) Costa	Italy	75— 0— 20
7	Philomene Côté	Brookfield	75— 0— 0
11	Mary M. Channell	No. Woodstock, Conn.	88— 10— 25
12	Marie Salina Shaw	Montreal, Can.	74— 7— 9
14	John F. Howes	Dennis	86— 6— 26
15	Robert Emery Montgomery	East Boston	53— 5— 29
18	Edna Lucy Worthen	Orange, Vt.	88— 9— 22
18	Margaret Ann Proctor	Nova Scotia	77— 3— 20
20	Edward Lovell Griffin	Andover	84— 6— 10
28	Annie S. Carter	Bristol, Me.	75— 7— 2
28	Waino Anders Ahlqvist	Finland	58— 4— 29
29	Edward Clifford	Quincy	54— 3— 3
30	Fred B. Wetherbee	Warren, Me.	84— 9— 29

MAY

1	Joseph Joyce	Quincy	30— 7— 9
2	George E. St. Lawrence	Canada	72— 0— 0
3	Albert Augustus Drollett	Braintree	79— 3— 14
4	James William Mara	Boston	55— 0— 0
8	John Elmer Woodworth	Braintree	50— 10— 18
8	Stillborn		
9	Edwin Bennett Arnold	Stoneham	64— 3— 27
19	Carl V. Sward	Finland	64— 0— 0
20	Michael J. Gorman	Ireland	73— 0— 0
20	Alexander M. Lang	Braintree	57— 6— 1
21	George B. Peel	Nova Scotia	67— 0— 0
21	Thomas O'Connor	East Dedham	33— 11— 25
22	Neil MacLeod	Nova Scotia	78— 7— 28
22	George Henry Jones	Braintree	56— 2— 18
24	Wentworth N. Chittenden	Dorchester	58— 11— 0

Date	Name	Birthplace	Age
25	Elizabeth Conlon	Canada	91— 0— 0
26	Margaret Ann Jackson	Brooklyn, N. Y.	66— 0— 0
26	Richard Malinski	Weymouth	2— 0— 7
27	Alice Simpson	Quincy	68— 4— 3
30	Caroline F. Horsman	Canada	80— 0— 14

JUNE

1	Annie Loveland Wright	Quincy	78— 3— 13
6	David Otis	Nova Scotia	64— 7— 27
8	John J. Toomey	Ireland	80— 2— 21
14	Nels Adolph Frederick Nelson	Sweden	76— 4— 22
14	George Frederick Summers	Burlington, N. Y.	72— 3— 16
18	Mary Adelaide Evans	Cambridge	64— 0— 0
20	Alice MacDonald	Boston	35— 1— 12
25	Caroline Ethel Forbes	Milton	63— 0— 17
28	Frank Howard Carlisle	Bangor, Me.	79— 3— 4

JULY

3	Margaret Elizabeth Osborn	Eastport, Me.	87— 8— 0
3	Effie McDowell	Tonica, Ill.	68— 0— 0
8	Harry Hurlburt	Nova Scotia	48— 2— 3
9	Grace L. Debold	Quincy	11— 0— 0
10	Mary Ellen Dee	Braintree	82— 5— 30
10	Jessie Susan Nelson	Truro, N. S.	73— 5— 0
12	William Olsavitch	Poland	54— 10— 24
13	Luigi Vagnato	Italy	47— 10— 8
14	Neil McDonald	Canada	75— 4— 24
14	Nora Sterling	Ireland	68— 11— 0
14	Oliver E. Deacon	Sweden	84— 2— 0
15	Margaret E. Stevenson	Canada	78— 11— 26
19	Peter M. Nickerson	Nova Scotia	67— 6— 10
21	Helen A. Hadden	Concord, Mass.	30— 0— 4
23	Grace Emeline Sunbury	Medford	52— 7— 5
24	James B. Sanderson	Scotland	72— 0— 0
25	Eleanor Grimala	Quincy	28— 1— 5
26	Bertha E. A. Lash	Iglo, Hungary	69— 10— 29
30	John Louis Berg	Sweden	87— 0— 0

AUGUST

3	Franklin Henry Kibble	Milton	56— 11— 3
3	Clifton W. Thayer	Randolph	69— 5— 19
4	Leo	Weymouth	9 hrs.
4	Helene A. Ekasala	Brockton	4— 3— 10
6	Michael George Coughlan	Ireland	79— 0— 0
8	Alden L. Smith	Carmel, Me.	66— 4— 1
9	Irving Baker Look	Leominster	73— 0— 22
9	Jemima Maitland Ingram	Scotland	74— 6— 20
10	George L. Duckworth	Bridgewater	83— 11— 17
12	Josephine C. Buker	Scotland	39— 1— 1
14	Frances B. Pratt	Weymouth	69— 9— 17
16	Amelia Schmidt	New York City	79— 0— 0
23	Margaret Marie Spillane	No. Abington	25— 9— 19

SEPTEMBER

1	Mary Meliconda	Italy	69— 0— 0
6	Albert G. Turpel	Boston	66— 2— 26
7	Mary E. Hatch	Milton	37— 11— 7

Date	Name	Birthplace	Age
12	Alice Mary Jones	Braintree	7— 5—24
13	William Horton	Canton	82— 3— 0
15	Charles Miller	Scotland	75— 3—27
15	Nicholson	Boston	0— 0— 2
16	Patrick W. Dugan	Braintree	62— 9— 1
17	Peter Clerkin	Ireland	79— 0— 0
17	Sarah May Cummings	Middleboro	48— 5—12
17	Myra Glidden	Kennebunkport, Me.	78— 7— 4
18	John Johnson	Sweden	72— 0— 0
19	Alice Nancy Hains Eaton	Readfield, Me.	91— 5— 4
19	Jefferson Clifford Thayer	Quincy	72—11—25
21	Everett Potter Jewett	Georgetown	62— 9— 2
23	Jeremiah A. Leary	Boston	81— 7—21
27	Harry S. Connor	Milton	52— 0— 0
27	Luella Thayer	Portsmouth, N. H.	73— 9—28
27	John Sampson	Braintree	44— 1—23
28	Hannah A. Thayer	Braintree	59— 5—15

OCTOBER

1	Catherine DiBona	Italy	77— 8— 6
2	Walter C. Fogg	Manchester, N. H.	79— 1—10
6	Sophie Anusewicz	E. Walpole	23— 4—18
6	William J. McGee	Boston	69— 2—15
7	Domenic Landi	Italy	56— 0— 0
11	Martha Lyons	Dorchester	42—11—26
11	Robert J. Saunders	Jamaica	60— 3—23
12	Keith	Weymouth	15 hours
13	Florence May Lang	Lowell	55— 1—27
19	Saunders	Boston	7 hrs., 30 min.
19	Aura L. Impey	Richford, Vt.	77— 9— 4
20	Saunders	Boston	0— 0— 2
20	Walter Anglim	Braintree	82—11— 0
21	Stanley Kimtis	Stoughton	24— 3— 3
21	Bernard L. Simonds	Braintree	56— 8—19
22	Mary Mathilda Kimball	Manchester, N. H.	99— 8— 0
23	Lydia Ball Smith	Cape Breton	72— 4—22
24	James Henley Smith, Jr.	Quincy	16— 0— 0
25	Laura Elizabeth Drysdale	Halifax, N. S.	72— 6—17
26	Mary L. Seaver	Roxbury	70—11— 1
26	Elmer K. Gorham	Brockton	41— 0— 0
27	Carrie W. Wright	East Bridgewater	80— 0— 0
27	Bridget T. Coleran	Weymouth	70— 0— 0
27	Mary T. Donovan	Lowell	53— 0— 0
28	Allan Miller	Scotland	58— 7— 9
28	Theresa M. Boettcher	Braintree	37— 2— 9
30	Winthrop T. Case	Canton, Conn.	69— 7—28
30	Stephen P. Cleveland	Bolton	61— 9—18
31	John Jolly	England	59—10—26

NOVEMBER

1	Seneca Porter Brown	Plymouth	57—11—29
3	John Schumann	Germany	75— 9—11
3	Katherine Trombetta	New York City	94—10—20
5	Harriet Mabel Small	Boston	77—10— 7
9	Dorothy Mathieson	Canada	40— 2—12
11	Roberts	Weymouth	46 hours
12	Julius Otto Heurlin	Sweden	71— 7— 6
12	Albert R. Fischer	Germany	56— 7— 3
12	Williams	Malden	0— 0— 1

Date	Name	Birthplace	Age
13	Victor Houle	Canada	70—4—28
13	Cayo Higuera	Spain	37—1—20
17	Edward F. Connors	Fitchburg	68—3—14
19	Richard P. Proverb	West Indies	66—3—8
20	John E. Hislop	Nova Scotia	79—1—7
21	Albert E. Avery	Braintree	81—4—13
21	Samuel Hillier	Nova Scotia	82—11—0
21	Anna Buckley	Quincy	48—1—15
22	Helen Frances Stackhouse	Quincy	58—10—18
23	John LeVangie	Nova Scotia	60—0—10
24	Lucy Healey	Braintree	13—0—27
24	Annie Haskell	Rochdale	78—4—10
25	Madeline Cislighi	Italy	79—10—7
28	Herbert R. Densmore	Boston	41—10—25
28	Mary Bennett	Nova Scotia	64—4—7

DECEMBER

1	Lydia Downing	Hingham	88—0—0
6	Caterina Perino	Italy	93—0—0
6	Ella M. Grover	Walpole	81—5—5
6	Mary E. Pounder	Chelsea	69—1—22
7	Matti Salmi	Finland	58—2—14
8	Appleton M. Nightingale	Randolph	65—6—19
8	Emeline A. Chandler	Weymouth	68—7—23
10	Edith E. Tate	England	68—6—0
11	Eben Prescott	Quincy	72—4—5
12	Robert Phillip Passamonti	Quincy	0—4—27
12	Grace Linder Stoddard	Hanover	53—6—21
14	Julia S. Boston	Truro	52—3—16
17	Mariana T. Barnfaldi	Italy	76—8—0
17	Lydia Allen James	Braintree	83—1—26
25	Chester Smith Edwards	Salem	51—0—0
25	George W. Parsons	New Brunswick	72—0—0
27	Frances Ann Fottler	Watertown	90—11—7
29	Norman A. Lunt	Randolph	26—10—10

Total number of deaths: 237.

Males, 128; Females, 109; Single, 56; Married, 110; Widowed, 69; Divorced, 2.

Birthplaces: Braintree, 20; other places in Massachusetts, 114; Canada, 28; Italy, 11; Maine, 10; Ireland, 9; Scotland, 7; Sweden, 6; New Hampshire, 5; New York, 4; England, 4; Finland, 4; Vermont, 2; Connecticut, 2; Germany, 2; Wisconsin, Illinois, Pennsylvania, Poland, Wales, Jamaica, Hungary, Spain and West Indies, 1 each.

Ages: Stillborn, 2; Under 1 year, 10; 1 to 10, 4; 11 to 20, 5; 21 to 30, 12; 31 to 40, 10; 41 to 50, 19; 51 to 60, 38; 61 to 70, 54; 71 to 80, 51; 81 to 90, 21; 91 to 100, 11.

Diseases: Tuberculosis, 40 (6 resident and 34 non-resident); Pneumonia, 35; Heart Disease, 30; Cerebral Hemorrhage, 30; Cancer, 25; Accident, 13; Myocarditis, 9; Coronary Thrombosis, 6; Cholecystitis, 6; Prematurity, 5; Intestinal Obstruction, 4; Nephritis, 4; Arterio Sclerosis, 3; Peritonitis, 3; Anemia, 2; Suicide, 2; Embolism, 2; Cardiac Failure, 2; Pulmonary Oedema, 2; Cardiac Decompensation, 2; Diabetes Mellitus, Anencephalic Monstrosity, Arthritis, Malignant Lymphoma, Stillborn, Gangrene, Angina Pectoris, Strangulated Left Hernia, Endocarditis, Occlusion, Cystitis Pyelonephritis, Epilepsy, 1 each.

**DOG LICENSES ISSUED JANUARY 1, 1939 TO
DECEMBER 31, 1939 INCLUSIVE**

Total number issued.....			1174
738 Males	@	\$2.00.....	\$1,476.00
116 Females	@	5.00.....	580.00
315 Females (Spayed)	@	2.00.....	630.00
2 Kennel	@	25.00.....	50.00
1 Kennel	@	50.00.....	50.00
1 Male	}	Transfer	No charge
1 Female (Spayed)			
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			\$2,786.00
Credit by cash paid Town Treasurer.....			\$2,551.60
Fees retained, Chap. 320, Sec. 11, Acts of 1934.....			234.40
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			\$2,786.00

**SPORTING LICENSES ISSUED JANUARY 1, 1939 TO
DECEMBER 31, 1939 INCLUSIVE**

Total number issued.....			596
210 Res. Citizens' Fishing	@	\$2.00.....	\$ 420.00
192 Res. Citizens' Hunting	@	2.00.....	384.00
105 Res. Citizens' Sporting	@	3.25.....	341.25
45 Res. Citizens' Female & Minor Fishing	@	1.25.....	56.25
3 Res. Citizens' Minor Trapping	@	2.25.....	6.75
8 Res. Citizens' Trapping	@	5.25.....	42.00
25 Res. Citizens' Sporting	Free		
3 Special Non-Res. Fishing	@	1.50.....	4.50
5 Duplicates	@	.50.....	2.50
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			\$1,257.25
Credit by cash paid Division of Fisheries & Game.....			1,140.55
Fees retained, Chap. 131, Sec. 9, G.L.....			116.70
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			\$1,257.25

Respectfully submitted,

ERNEST C. WOODSUM,

Town Clerk.

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Department of Corporations
and Taxation

DIVISION OF ACCOUNTS

Report of an Audit
of
The Accounts of
The Town of Braintree

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1938

Made in Accordance with the Provisions of
Chapter 44, General Laws

May 3, 1939

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Department of Corporations and Taxation

Division of Accounts
State House, Boston

Henry F. Long, Commissioner
Theodore N. Waddell, Director of Accounts

May 3, 1939

To the Board of Selectmen

Mr. Henry D. Higgins, Chairman
Braintree, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith my report of an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Braintree for the fiscal year 1938, made in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, General Laws. This is in the form of a report made to me by Mr. Herman B. Dine, Assistant Director of Accounts.

Very truly your,

THEODORE N. WADDELL,

Director of Accounts.

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Mr. Theodore N. Waddell
Director of Accounts
Department of Corporations and Taxation
State House, Boston

Sir:

As directed by you, I have made an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Braintree for the fiscal year 1938, and report thereon as follows:

The records of the financial transactions of the several departments receiving or disbursing money for the town, or committing bills for collection, were examined, checked, and verified by a comparison with the reports and the records in the office of the town accountant.

The ledger accounts were analyzed, the appropriations, loan orders, and transfers being checked with the town clerk's records of town meetings and with the records of the finance committee. The necessary adjusting and correcting entries resulting from the audit were made, and a balance sheet, showing the financial condition of the town on December 31, 1938, was prepared and is appended to this report.

The books and accounts of the town treasurer were examined and checked. The cash book additions were verified, and the recorded receipts were analyzed and compared with the town accountant's ledger and the records of the departments making payments to the treasurer. The payments by the treasurer were compared with the selectmen's warrants authorizing the disbursement of town funds.

The treasurer's cash balance on February 28, 1939, was proved by actual count of the cash in the office, by listing the cash memoranda, by a reconciliation of the bank balances with statements furnished by banks in which town funds are deposited, and by inspection of the savings bank books and the certificates of deposit.

The debt and interest payments were checked to the amounts falling due and with the cancelled securities and coupons on file. The outstanding interest coupons were listed and reconciled with a statement furnished by the bank of deposit.

The savings bank books and securities representing the trust and retirement fund investments in the custody of the town treasurer and the treasurer of the library trustees were examined and listed, the income being proved and the transfers to the town and the disbursements being verified.

The records of tax titles held by the town were examined and checked. The amounts added to the tax title account were compared with the collector's records, the reported redemptions and foreclosures were checked, and the tax titles on hand were listed, proved, and compared with the records in the Registry of Deeds.

The assessors' records of apportioned assessments not due were examined. The apportionments added to taxes 1938 were verified, and the apportioned assessments not due were listed and proved.

The books and accounts of the tax collector were examined and checked. The tax and assessment accounts outstanding at the time of the previous examination were audited, and all subsequent commitments were proved. The cash books were footed and the recorded collections

were compared with the payments to the treasurer. The abatements, as recorded, were checked with the assessors' records of abatements granted, and the outstanding accounts were listed and proved.

The records of departmental accounts receivable were examined and checked in detail. The recorded payments to the treasurer were compared with the treasurer's cash book, the abatements and disallowances were verified, and the outstanding accounts were listed and proved.

The financial accounts of the town clerk were examined. The records of dog and of sporting licenses were checked, the payments to the State being verified with the receipts on file and the payments to the town treasurer being compared with the treasurer's cash book.

The surety bonds of the officials required by law to furnish them were examined and found to be in proper form.

The records of licenses and permits issued by the selectmen, the building inspector, and the health department were examined and checked, and the payments to the town were verified.

The records of the municipal light department were examined and checked. A list of the outstanding accounts was drawn off from the cards on file and reconciled with the ledgers of the department and the town accountant. The collections as recorded were compared with the payments to the treasurer, the abatements and discounts were checked, and the deposit accounts were listed and proved.

The records of water charges were examined. The recorded collections were compared with the payments to the treasurer and the abatements were verified. The outstanding accounts were listed and reconciled with the accountant's ledger.

Verification of the correctness of the outstanding tax, assessment, departmental, municipal light, and water accounts was obtained by mailing notices to a number of persons whose names appeared on the books as owing money to the town, the replies received thereto indicating that the accounts, as listed, are correct.

In addition to the accounts mentioned, the records of all other departments collecting money for the town or committing bills for collection were examined and checked in detail.

Appended to this report, in addition to the balance sheet, are tables showing a reconciliation of the several cash accounts, summaries of the tax, assessment, tax title, departmental, municipal light, and water accounts, as well as tables showing the condition and transactions of the various trust funds.

While engaged in making the audit, co-operation was received from the officials of the town, for which, on behalf of my assistants and for myself, I wish to express appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

HERMAN B. DINE,
Assistant Director of Accounts.

Detailed tables are on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

TOWN OF BRAINTREE

Balance Sheet—December 31, 1938

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

ASSETS

Cash—General	\$230,014.55	
Library Treasurer	2,940.40	
Electric Light Guarantees, Special Deposit	2,661.49	
		<u>\$235,616.44</u>
Accounts Receivable:		
Taxes:		
Levy of 1937	\$ 46,872.09	
Levy of 1938, Polls	280.00	
Personal	3,842.35	
Real Estate	246,478.59	
		<u>297,473.03</u>
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes:		
Levy of 1937	\$291.81	
Levy of 1938	771.71	
		<u>1,063.52</u>
Special Assessments:		
Sewer:		
Unapportioned	\$1,813.26	
Added to Taxes 1937	1,134.95	
Added to Taxes 1938	5,088.29	
Sewer House Connections:		
Unapportioned	3,560.03	
Added to Taxes 1937	65.44	
Added to Taxes 1938	371.55	
Street:		
Added to Taxes 1937	51.50	
Added to Taxes 1938	634.00	
Committed Interest:		
Levy of 1937	541.87	
Levy of 1938	2,425.04	
		<u>15,685.93</u>
Tax Titles and Possessions:		
Tax Titles	\$77,254.53	
Tax Title Possessions	38,210.99	
		<u>115,465.52</u>
Departmental:		
Health	\$2,507.27	
Temporary Aid	26,159.40	
Aid to Dependent Children	9,325.57	
Old Age Assistance	20,153.16	
Soldiers' Relief	134.68	
State Aid	520.00	
Military Aid	817.50	
		<u>59,617.58</u>
Electric Light		41,856.44
Water Rates and Services		24,023.69
State Aid to Highways		6,225.12

Unprovided for and Overdrawn Accounts:

Underestimates 1938:

State Tax and Assessments	\$38,072.70	
County Tax	137.23	
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Tax Judgments		38,209.93
		98.84

Overlay Deficits:

Levy of 1936	\$16.52	
Levy of 1937	854.56	
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		871.08

1937 Appropriation Overdrafts:

Selectmen's Expense	\$73.19
Town Hall Maintenance	549.35
Police Traffic Duty at Braintree High-lands R. R. Bridge	156.60

Highways:

Superintendent's Salary	46.75
Supplies	7.69
Repairs to Equipment	3,015.54
All Other	311.66
Snow Removal	2,538.86
Commercial Street Drain	194.50

Public Welfare:

Infirmity Expense	1,370.57
Clerk's Salary	30.00
Office Expense	50.09
Automobile Expense	2,000.76
Temporary Aid	25,914.29

Old Age Assistance:

Investigator's Salary	60.00
Office Expense	32.50
Automobile Expense	132.44
Assistance	11,157.13
Soldiers' Relief	7,093.91
Military Aid	330.00
Fire Insurance on Buildings and Contents	179.78
W.P.A. Office Expense	50.86
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	55,296.47
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	\$891,503.59
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LIABILITIES AND RESERVES

Temporary Loans:

In Anticipation of Revenue 1938	\$200,000.00
Tailings—Unclaimed Checks	2,844.02
Proceeds of Dog Licenses—Due County	63.40
Reserve for County Tax 1938 (Underpayment)	1,000.00
Sale of Real Estate Fund	1,600.00
School Salaries 1938 Reserved for Payment in 1939	7,294.32
Highway Fund, Chapter 500, Acts of 1938	6,143.09

Trust Fund Income:

Charles E. French School Fund	\$30.24	
Ann Maria Penniman School Fund	59.28	
Avis A. Thayer School Fund	7.08	
Library Funds	2,940.40	
Charles Thayer Fund	460.81	
George W. Kelley—Cemetery Fund .....	.43	
Hannah R. Hollis—Cemetery Fund	6.52	
Julia A. Minchin—Cemetery Fund	7.18	
Joseph S. Miller—Cemetery Fund	1.54	
Braintree Tercentenary Fund	19.94	
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		3,533.42

Guarantee Deposits:

Electric Light Customers	\$2,368.67	
Electric Light Interest	292.82	
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		2,661.49

Federal Grant:

Sewer P.W.A.—Reserved for Maturing Debt	16,877.77
Sewer Receipts—Reserved for Appropriation	29,765.66
Electric Light Available Surplus	3,573.26
Electric Light Depreciation	109,168.64
Water Available Surplus	6,336.97
Overestimates 1938:	
State Assessments	4,510.41

Unexpended Appropriation Balances:

Fire Alarm Maintenance	43.34	
Sewer Drainage Study	1,001.47	
Sewer W.P.A.	1,945.78	
Highway—Repairs to Equipment	35.94	
Church and Centre Street Construction, Chapter 90	911.70	
Highway, W.P.A. Materials	2,122.96	
Public Welfare, Auto Expense and Supplies	197.95	
Temporary Aid	4.92	
Mothers' Aid	2.07	
Infirmity Expense	2.26	
Old Age Assistance	5,306.96	
Soldiers' Relief	2.36	
Soldiers' Relief Expense	1.64	
State Aid	190.00	
Military Aid	160.00	
School W.P.A. Activities	2,126.24	
South-West School Construction	332.25	
Heating System, Legion Building	900.00	
W.P.A. Administration .....	.96	
Water:		
Filtration Plant	175.07	
Dike—Great Pond	103.08	
Commercial Pipe Line and Standpipe	556.99	
Cemetery—Plain Street55	
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		16,124.49

Reserve Fund—Overlay Surplus	1,490.95
Overlay Reserved for Abatement of Taxes:	
Levy of 1938	5,659.75

Revenue Reserved Until Collected:

Motor Vehicle Excise Tax	\$1,063.52	
Special Assessment	15,685.93	
Tax Title	115,465.52	
Departmental	59,617.58	
Electric Light	41,856.44	
Water	24,023.69	
State Aid to Highways	6,225.12	
		<u>263,937.80</u>
Surplus Revenue		208,918.15
		<u><u>\$891,503.59</u></u>

DEFERRED REVENUE ACCOUNTS

Apportioned Assessments Not Due:

Sewer	\$77,694.16
Sewer House Connections	6,776.00
Street	3,189.40
	<u><u>\$87,659.56</u></u>

Apportioned Sewer Assessment Revenue:

Due in 1939	\$12,423.04	
1940	12,322.03	
1941	12,269.03	
1942	12,167.03	
1943	12,107.03	
1944	9,437.00	
1945	4,246.00	
1946	1,664.00	
1947	1,059.00	
		<u>\$77,694.16</u>

Apportioned Sewer House Connection Revenue:

Due in 1939	\$ 840.00	
1940	840.00	
1941	835.00	
1942	805.00	
1943	785.00	
1944	760.00	
1945	740.00	
1946	735.00	
1947	436.00	
		<u>6,776.00</u>

Apportioned Street Assessment Revenue:

Due in 1939	\$ 1,708.40	
1940	781.00	
1941	700.00	
		<u>3,189.40</u>
		<u><u>\$ 87,659.56</u></u>

DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded or Fixed Debt	\$809,881.17
	<u>\$809,881.17</u>
Police and Fire Station Loan	\$52,000.00
Sewerage Loan	522,000.00
School Loan	204,000.00
Water Mains and Standpipe Loan	6,000.00
Emergency Finance Loan	25,881.17
	<u>\$809,881.17</u>

TRUST ACCOUNTS

Trust Funds:

Cash and Securities:

In Custody of Town Treasurer	\$48,615.98
In Custody of Treasurer of Library Trustees	13,693.41
	<u>\$62,309.39</u>

In Custody of Town Treasurer:

Charles E. French School Fund	\$2,419.50
Ann Maria Penniman School Fund	500.00
Avis A. Thayer School Fund	500.00
Nathaniel H. Hunt Library Fund	24,276.99
Charles Thayer Fund	20,329.06
George W. Kelley Cemetery Fund	200.00
Hannah R. Hollis Cemetery Fund	100.00
Julia A. Minchin Cemetery Fund	100.00
Joseph S. Miller Cemetery Fund	123.66
Braintree Tercentenary Fund	66.77
	<u>\$48,615.98</u>

In Custody of Treasurer of Library Trustees:

Foundation Fund	\$11,020.91
Caleb Stetson Fund	2,500.00
Rachel R. Thayer Fund	172.50
	<u>13,693.41</u>

\$62,309.39

RETIREMENT SYSTEM ACCOUNTS

Municipal Contributory Retirement System

Funds—Cash and Securities:

In Custody of Town Treasurer	\$26,391.14
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\$26,391.14

Annuity Savings Fund	\$12,636.30
Pension Accumulation Fund	13,368.50
Annuity Reserve Fund	145.98
Expense Fund	56.60
Income Fund	183.76

\$26,391.14

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
School Department
OF THE
Town of Braintree
FROM
December 31, '38 to December 31, '39

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

MR. ARCHIE T. MORRISON, Chairman
525 Liberty Street, East Braintree

MRS. ALIDA N. STEVENS, Recording Secretary
75 Tremont Street, South Braintree

MR. HENRY D. HIGGINS, 490 Washington Street, Braintree

MR. HOWARD B. BLEWETT, 363 Tremont Street, Braintree

MR. C. EARLE BESTICK, 285 Washington Street, Braintree

MR. HAROLD R. QUIMBY, 132 Tremont Street, South Braintree

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

MR. C. EDWARD FISHER, 10 Tremont Street, South Braintree
Office Telephone 0782

Office Hours on School Days, 8:00 to 9:00 A.M.

SECRETARY

MISS EDNA E. WOODSUM

Office Hours: 8:00 to 12:00, 1:00 to 5:00, on days when Schools
are in session.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

Second Monday evening of each month at 8:00 o'clock in the School
Committee offices, 10 Tremont Street, South Braintree

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

January 9, 1940.

To the Citizens of the Town of Braintree:

In looking back over the work of the School Department for the year 1939, it would seem that at the outset our greatest apprehension was with regard to the incoming Freshman class that would start in September. It was quite definitely expected that it would be necessary to have Sophomore as well as Freshman classes at afternoon sessions.

Notwithstanding the fact that the September 1939 Freshman class was larger than the September 1938 Freshman class, details were worked out whereby still only the Freshman class was required to have afternoon sessions. Credit for the program which was worked out to accommodate the three upper classes at morning sessions and still manage to confine the afternoon sessions to the Freshman class only should go to Mr. James L. Jordan, Principal of the High School.

In spite of the belief that school population is falling off and agreeing that such is the trend, the results will not be experienced for some years, and at present we find that the Freshman class of December 1939 numbers 296, which is the largest Freshman class in the history of the Braintree High School. At the beginning of the school year September 1938, the Freshman class numbered 272. At the beginning of the school year September 1939, the Freshman class numbered 290. The December 1938 High School enrollment was 1054, and the December 1939 High School enrollment was 1077, and our projected school population figures show that we can expect no appreciable relief from the crowded conditions in the High School for several years.

Regarding the question of supervision under our present method of three supervisory principals as against the older system of a male principal in each school, the Committee feels that our present system is an improvement in that one man has three schools which afford him a very much better basis and opportunity for a comparison of student progress and teacher ability as he has three classes of the same grade in three different buildings to compare—under the old method each individual principal had no opportunity for such comparison unless he took it upon himself to compare results with the other principals. We definitely think that the supervisory principal idea is an improvement.

This year for the first time we were unable to replace the typewriters in the Commercial Department which should have been replaced on our standard three-year use basis, despite the fact that we have unexpended balances on our School Department appropriation, which we will turn back, amounting to \$2,478.65.

The reason for this strange situation is that the School Department's appropriation was split into a greater number of expense classifications this year than ever before, and while the Department had adequate balances under certain classifications it couldn't use them under the classification where the money could be used to advantage, and undoubtedly this will result in a loss of approximately \$500.00 to the Town because the School Department was unable to carry through its plan for the replacement of typewriters.

We submit that the apparent theory of the Finance Committee that a more efficient and economic use of the School Department monies can be made by a greater number of expense classifications under which

the money must be spent does not work out to the advantage of the Town or the school system—it hampers the work of the School Department. We believe that the budget of the School Committee should be broken down into as many classifications of expenditures as will eliminate any question in the minds of the Finance Committee and the Townspeople, but we are equally certain that providing the School Committee has the confidence of the people that its work can be best facilitated by a lump sum appropriation under such a budget—this provides the School Committee with the greatest flexibility in its work.

Two years ago we had three classifications. We had to have a special Town Meeting near the end of the year to vote us authority to transfer our monies between these three classifications. This year we have six classifications. Because of the set-up we find that we are turning money back, yet we know that we are losing money by doing so because typewriters now cost more money than they did when we should have bought them, and the servicing costs rise with the greater age of the machines.

We are happy to report that everyone connected with the School Department has cooperated in the most friendly manner in the work connected with the school survey. Undoubtedly this was because it was made clear that the School Department was thoroughly in accord with the purpose of this survey and that it was a survey and not an investigation. We hope to benefit greatly by the information contained in the report of the Survey Committee.

You are respectfully recommended to the Superintendent's report which this year will be of great interest as it gives a great deal of historical and factual data as well as outlining the progress that is being made in the school system with regard to text books, etc.

It now is a pleasure to thank Mr. Fisher, Mr. Jordan, the three supervisory principals, the assistant principals in the different school buildings, the teachers in the High School, Grammar Schools, and Kindergarten Schools, as well as the special teachers, the school physicians, the nurse, attendance officer, janitors, and all others who combine loyally day by day to guard the safety, maintain the health, improve the athletic ability, and guide the physical, moral, cultural and educational development of the children of our Town who are our special and most important consideration.

Yours very truly,

ARCHIE T. MORRISON, Chairman,
ALIDA N. STEVENS, Recording Secretary,
HENRY D. HIGGINS,
HOWARD B. BLEWETT,
C. EARLE BESTICK,
HAROLD R. QUIMBY.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

January 8, 1940.

To the School Committee:

I present herewith, as Superintendent of Schools, my nineteenth annual report. Since this year 1940 is the Tercentenary for the Town of Braintree perhaps a brief and rather sketchy history of its School Department would not be out of place.

In 1885 Mr. J. T. Clarke, the first Superintendent of Schools for the Town of Braintree, was elected. Up to this time the School Committee had administered the schools and had given them all the supervision they received. In 1837 Buffalo, New York and Louisville, Kentucky, each established the position of Superintendent of Schools, and these cities were the first municipalities in the Country to have such officers. In 1870 there were only 29 Superintendents of Schools in the whole Country, and today there are almost ten times that number in the State of Massachusetts alone. When Mr. Clarke began his work there were 638 children in the whole school system, whereas today with its 3800 there are nearly twice as many in the High School alone as there were at that time in the whole system. There is but one schoolhouse in use today which was in use when he began, and that is the Pond School, a wooden building built in 1873, where the School Committee rooms and Superintendent of Schools' office are now located. There are but two other wooden buildings, the Monatiquot built in 1892, and the Jonas Perkins built in 1894. The other buildings, 9 in number, 2 of which have had additions constructed making each more than twice their original size, are all brick buildings. The following table may be of interest to some:

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

School	Material	Date	Rooms	Location
Pond	Wood	Sept. 1873	3	1007 Washington St.
Monatiquot	Wood	Sept. 1892	9 & 3 small	647 Washington St.
Jonas Perkins	Wood	Sept. 1894	9 & 1 small	218 Commercial St.
Penniman	Brick	Sept. 1900	5	71 Cleveland Ave.
Noah Torrey Grammar	Brick	Sept. 1905	8	90 Pond St.
Abraham Lincoln	Brick	Sept. 1910	6	180 Hobart St.
Hollis	Brick	Sept. 1912	10 & 1 in basement	482 Washington St.
Thomas A. Watson	Brick	Jan. 1924	9 & 1 small	197 Quincy Avenue
Noah Torrey Primary	Brick	Apr. 1926	8	74 Pond
Penniman Addition	Brick	Sept. 1927	6 Lost 1 from old building	71 Cleveland Ave.
High School	Brick	Sept. 1927	21 Plus see next page	538 Washington St.
Abraham Lincoln Addition	Brick	Apr. 1930	7 & 1 small—lost 2 from old building	180 Hobart St.
Highlands	Brick	Sept. 1930	11 & 1 small	144 Wildwood Ave.
Penniman Addition	Brick	Sept. 1931	2	71 Cleveland Ave.
Josephine B. Colbert	Brick	Apr. 1938	2	348 Pond Street

All buildings except the Pond and Josephine B. Colbert have auditoriums, and the Abraham Lincoln has 2 auditoriums. At the High School in addition to the 21 Home Rooms is to be found Auditorium, Gymnasium, Boys' Shower and Dressing rooms, Girls' Shower and Dressing rooms, Drawing room, Cooking room, Sewing room, 2 Typewriting rooms, Physics laboratory, Chemical laboratory, Lecture room, Cafeteria, and Library.

The only building without reasonably adequate storage for fuel is the Abraham Lincoln School, and with a reasonable sum of money this situation could be remedied. Adequate storage facilities for fuel in schoolhouses is apt to be most important. All wooden buildings, and the Hollis and Penniman Schools are provided with sprinkler systems installed since 1937.

When one notices the dates when the various buildings were constructed, the fact that the Town has on January first 1940 \$148,000.00 in outstanding school bonds should not be any surprise. The surprise is that in 1944 the last of the now outstanding school bonds will all have been retired as follows: Noah Torrey Primary in 1940, High and Penniman addition in 1941, Thomas A. Watson in 1942, and the Highlands and Abraham Lincoln addition in 1944.

Since the election of the first Superintendent of Schools in September 1885 there have been but eight others, including the writer, and here are their names with the dates of their assuming office:

Charles L. Hunt	July 1887
C. W. Fearing	Sept. 1889
Irving W. Horne	Aug. 1892
J. A. MacDougall	Sept. 1902
John C. Anthony	July 1906
Ralph L. Wiggin	Oct. 1909
Clarence N. Flood	Sept. 1918
C. Edward Fisher	Oct. 1921

In 1917 the Hollis Field Association was organized and this organization through band concerts and other means made it possible to have a Band Stand which was built on Hollis School Grounds, and a Tonic Booth which was built on the Hollis Field, which is a public playground. This Hollis Field is utilized as the athletic field for High School activities since the opening of the High School in September 1927. It would be a fine thing if the Town could in some way find it possible to lay out a running track on this field.

In the school year of 1923-1924 three school physicians were elected by the School Committee. Previous to this time there had been one school physician, but he was appointed by the Board of Health under whose direction he worked and not under the direction of the School Department.

In the school year of 1922-1923 Instrumental Music was introduced into our schools with the part-time service of an instructor, but it was not until February 1936 that the work was put on a full-time basis.

In the school year of 1923-1924 was the first time that the High School Principal was provided with the much needed services of a secretary, and it was not until the school year of 1920-1921 that the Superintendent of Schools had a secretary. and now at least 2 are needed, but as yet they are not provided.

In the school year of 1926-1927 Physical Education was introduced into our schools by the appointment of a man, and the following year the work was extended by the appointment of a woman also, and these two people did the work in our grade schools and in the High School. In the school year of 1938-1939 another man and women were appointed to do the work of Physical Education in the grades, thus relieving the teachers whom we had for this work and making it possible for them to spend their entire time in the High School.

After a long time spent by the School Committee in a study of the Rules and Regulations of many different school systems a set was adopted in February 1932, and the same printed in book form. This set of Rules and Regulations has proven most valuable.

In September 1936 the practice was instituted of having a competent person come to our schools shortly after the opening and examine all under-aged children whose parents had expressed a desire for such an examination. The expense incurred is met by the Town, and this way of doing seems to be more satisfactory to the public than that previously pursued for the family to take the child out to Harvard College for the examination which had to be paid for by the family.

In the school year of 1922-1923 a man was elected to look after all general repairs in our schools, and the same man is still with us. There is no doubt but what this action explains the relatively high standards maintained in connection with the physical condition of our plant, and if it were not for the improvements and betterments annually made we would also show a relatively low per pupil cost for maintenance.

In the school year of 1929-1930 it was found possible to abolish the Continuation School, and it has not since been necessary to re-establish it.

In the school year of 1925-1926 three teachers were elected to give special attention to retarded children, and they spent their time in different buildings, but in the school year of 1934-1935 they were definitely assigned to the Abraham Lincoln, Hollis and Noah Torrey schools, and classes definitely organized for full-time work, which was a decided improvement over the previous practice.

In the school year of 1935-1936 the School Dental Clinic, which formerly had been conducted by The Friendly Aid Society but which had been discontinued for several years, was re-established by the Board of Health with the Superintendent of Schools organizing and supervising the work which is now conducted full-time on all school days throughout the year successively at the various buildings.

In 1923 nine house lots on the Northern side of Brow Avenue were purchased to increase the area of the Monatiquot School grounds, and this building which had formerly housed the High School was organized into a grade unit with the opening of the High School in September 1927. In March 1939 a house lot on the Southern side of Western Avenue was purchased to give access to these Monatiquot School grounds for children coming from the North without the necessity of going down on to Washington Street.

Ever since the Spring of 1933, six years, extensive work has been constantly carried on through Federal Government aid (Projects) in very materially improving school grounds at the Abraham Lincoln, Thomas A. Watson, Jonas Perkins, Hollis, Monatiquot, Pond and Highlands schools. In 1927 and 1932 additional land was purchased South of the Penniman School building with the frontage on Cleveland Avenue, back to the river. At the Penniman School not only have the grounds

been improved but the area for playground purposes has been very much enlarged by utilizing the excavated material in the construction of the Union Street under-pass for fill, building a heavy and extensive retaining wall and fencing in the grounds with a wire fence. These Penniman School grounds were completed in the early Spring of 1939. At the Monatiquot School grounds extensive fill was provided by material taken from Washington Street when it was resurfaced and widened in 1925. In 1922 land at the corner of Pond Street and Fairview Avenue was purchased to increase playground area on Noah Torrey School grounds. At the Highlands School the grounds were cleared, filled and graded, and the stone boundary walls at each side of the grounds completed in 1939.

It was not until 1923 that the movement was started of providing electric lights in all classrooms, and this work was completed in 1926.

In the school year of 1922-1923 a course in Health and Hygiene was introduced into the grade schools with uniform text books throughout, and in all cases since that date whenever an adoption of a text book has been made it has been made uniform for all grades throughout the Town.

Following is a list of the last basic adoptions in the various subjects, with dates of the same:

Spelling	Newlon-Hanna Speller— Grades I to VIII	June 1935
Arithmetic	Strayer-Upton Practical Arithmetic—Grades III to VIII	Dec. 1934
	Practical Days with Numbers— Grade II	Mar. 1935
Reading	Elson-Gray Readers—Grades I to IV	Oct. 1933
	Prose and Poetry—Grades V to VIII	Dec. 1938
History	Scribner Series—Grades III to VIII	Nov. 1939
Geography	Atwood-Thomas Series— Grades IV to VIII	Oct. 1934
Music	Music Education Series— Grades I to VIII	Oct. 1926
Penmanship	Palmer-Penmanship—Grades I to VIII	Prior to 1915 Date unknown
Health (or Physiology and Hygiene)	Health and Growth Series— Grades III to VIII	June 1935
Language (Grammar)	Daily Life Language Series— Grades II - VII and VIII	June 1935
	Thinking, Speaking and Writing—Grades III to VI	June 1935

In 1934 room libraries were established in all grades 1 to 4 inclusive with about 30 titles and 3 copies of each, and just this last Fall for the first time has it been possible, for financial reasons, to establish room libraries in grades 5 to 8 inclusive, a thing which for ten years every effort has been made to bring about. Now we find it possible to have only about 15 titles in each room, and several titles for reference work with but one copy, and in other cases 3 copies.

With all the improvements and advances made in our schools it would naturally be felt by many, perhaps, that the cost per pupil must have risen to an unreasonable point, but an examination of the following table of facts, all but the last column being taken from the State Department of Education reports, will show quite the opposite—the cost per pupil has been reduced.

COST PER PUPIL

	Braintree 1927-1928	Braintree 1937-1938	State Average 1937-1938	Braintree 1939
General Control	\$ 2.62	\$ 2.21	\$ 3.75	\$ 2.13
Salaries of Teachers	60.71	62.32	72.45	63.55
Text Books	1.64	2.14	1.33	1.80
Supplies	4.14	3.34	2.75	2.37
Operation of Plant	9.03	8.46	11.04	7.82
Repairs and Upkeep	3.34	3.97	3.58	3.98
School Libraries . . . . .	.52	.17	.15	.31
Health . . . . .	.89	.77	1.65	.74
Transportation	3.45	2.63	2.73	2.38
Tuition	1.25	1.47	1.04	1.49
Miscellaneous . . . . .	.70	.63	.79	.51
TOTAL	\$88.29	\$88.11	\$101.26	\$87.08

The school year of 1927-1928 was selected because that was the first year in the High School Building. By taking the school year of 1937-1938 it is just a decade later, and it so happens that these statistics from the State Department of Education are, at this time, the latest available. The figures in the last column were determined by taking the expenditures in 1939 and dividing by the average membership in our schools for the school year of 1938-1939, which are of course the latest available figures for this particular fact.

In September 1933 the system was reorganized so that instead of having a man as a supervising principal of each building the Town was organized into 3 districts with a supervising Principal for each district—East, North and South—and in each building a cadet teacher whose duties would be to attend to the office work, substitute for teachers in cases of absence on account of sickness, give special attention to small groups of children needing it, and gradually familiarize themselves with the system to be the better prepared to fill a vacancy as a regular classroom teacher when the opportunity arose for such an appointment. Each District Principal with this organization has from 32 to 35 teachers to supervise. The High School Principal has 43 teachers to supervise.

A slight change was made in the organization of our schools with their opening last September. Each District Principal was given a secretary trained for office work and these secretaries were assigned to the Thomas A. Watson School for the East District, the Hollis School for the North District, and the Highlands School for the South District, but each of the other schools still retained cadet teachers. Each District Principal, however, has the authority and privilege of utilizing the services of secretaries and cadet teachers, temporarily, at any building within his district, as situations may arise making it seem advisable to so do.

Resignations numbered but 5 with the closing of schools, and as 3 vacancies occurred among our cadet teachers this presented the opportunity for the appointment of secretaries. Four cadet teachers were appointed to teaching positions. One teacher with several years of experience, a resident of this Town, was also appointed to a teaching position, and 1 additional teacher was necessarily appointed to the High School because of increased enrollment, and a grade teacher was transferred to the High School to fill a vacancy caused by a resignation. Some transfers were necessary to provide appointments to assistant principalships. All these new names to our personnel means, however, only 2 High School teachers, 1 Grade teacher, 4 Cadet teachers, and 3

secretaries. In considering the change in personnel the unfortunate death of Miss Helen A. Hadden, the first grade teacher at the Monatiquot School as the result of an automobile accident on her way home from the Pacific Coast after a summer's trip, should be noted as by her personality, ability and character she had endeared herself through her years of service to many children and their parents, and to her associates also, by her cheery and genial manner. She is missed but not forgotten.

The results of Dr. Lincoln's examination of under-aged children for admission to school, are shown by the following table:

	Kindergarten			First Grade		
	Examined	Admitted	Rejected	Examined	Admitted	Rejected
East District	21	16	5	8	5	3
North District	10	9	1	4	4	0
South District	13	12	1	3	0	3
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These examinations are conducted shortly after the opening of school in September.

During the summer of 1939 the usual service was rendered in the removal of tonsils, 26 cases being treated.

In the Dental Clinic this last year it was possible to do more work because of increase in funds available. 2835 operations were performed at a net cost to the Town of \$1,790.48.

Standardized Tests have on many different occasions in the last twenty years been conducted in our schools, and beginning three years ago a definite organized plan for testing was put into practice, so that with the class entering the High School next September there will be accumulated data pertaining to each pupil which should prove to be of great value in more efficient placement and guidance work in the High School. The testing program is as follows:

In October of each year

Pre-Reading Tests in Grade I

I. Q. Tests in Grades II, IV and VI

Diagnostic Tests in Reading and Arithmetic in Grade VIII

In May of each year Achievement Tests in Grades III, V, VI and VIII

Because of the survey report on our schools which is being prepared it is unnecessary to make any recommendations at this time, for I feel sure that those recommendations which may be made will be sufficiently far-reaching, and of such magnitude, that if they are carried out the community is quite likely to find that the task confronting them will not be completed in any short space of time, nor without large expenditures. I trust that it will not be too big a load, and that it may be distributed over a period of time not too long.

The reports following are worthy of attention from those who are interested in our schools, and I heartily recommend them to your attention.

To my associates, thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

C. EDWARD FISHER.

REPORT OF THE HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

January 2, 1940.

Mr. C. Edward Fisher
Superintendent of Schools
Braintree, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

Herewith is submitted my report for the High School.

Below is the comparison between registration figures for the year to date with those of a year ago:

	December, 1939			December, 1938		
	Boys	Girls	Both	Boys	Girls	Both
Post Graduates	7	21	28	7	25	32
Seniors	95	124	219	88	116	204
Juniors	123	137	260	122	141	263
Sophomores	128	146	274	136	142	278
Freshmen	137	159	296	129	148	277
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All	490	587	1077	482	572	1054

This shows a slight loss in Post Graduates, Juniors and Sophomores and a substantial gain in Seniors and Freshmen. The latter class, which has held fairly consistent for several years is, at 296, the largest in the history of the school.

The total membership of last year was 1069, with a percentage of attendance of 95.55. Transfers from other schools will bring our total registration to nearly 1100 before the end of this year.

A class of 193 graduated last June, again the largest in the history of the school, showing an increase, in twenty years, from under forty to this high point, and this senior class should graduate well over 200.

Additions to and changes in the teaching force are as follows:

Miss Mary Halloran, for several years a teacher in the Monatiquot School, was transferred to the High School to take the place of Mr. Grindle who resigned early in the new year.

Miss Bernadine McCusker was transferred from work in the afternoon with Freshmen, to upperclass work in English to take the classes of Miss Maxfield who resigned in June to marry. The vacancy caused by the transfer of Miss McCusker to the morning session was filled by Miss Eleanor Chace.

An unexpected overflow in commercial work demanded another teacher in that department and the services of Miss Mary Bohenko were secured to take care of that overflow.

Each one of the new teachers is proving to be most satisfactory.

Working under hardships imposed by crowded conditions and shortened periods, the teachers have, on the whole, done a fine piece of work, and are to be commended for the same. The school is, for the

eighth year, working on a two-platoon system with all Freshmen and some upperclassmen in the afternoon. Unexpected developments in the choice of electives last Spring made it possible, because of the lack of number electing, to drop out three morning classes, thereby slightly relieving the crowded situation and making it possible for another year to have the bulk of the upperclass work in the morning. Should a renewed demand for these subjects so dropped occur next Spring, still more of the upperclass work will have to be in the afternoon. We are avoiding this to the last possible moment since it means a lengthening of the school day until nearly six o'clock.

In many quarters there is complacency with regard to our two-platoon system with the idea that the building is used to a much greater extent. (It is, in fact, the most used school building in America.) What is not generally realized, however, is that in the speeding up of the work in an attempt to cover the required amount in the shortened day, a much larger number of pupils are failing to complete the requirements in four years and are having to take an extra year in order to secure their diplomas. Also, a larger number each year have dropped out, through failing, at or near the end of the fourth year.

The work of the school shows to advantage when compared to other schools. Our boys and girls are doing satisfactory work in college and our commercial students, who have taken the National Clerical Ability tests the past two years, have stood far above the average of the country as a whole.

No curricula changes have been made during the past year. Changes from time to time in the past have kept our school up-to-date except in the matter of Manual Arts. It may be a better policy for Braintree to pay in the vicinity of seven thousand dollars to Quincy, Weymouth, etc., for trade school accommodations rather than to install such work in its own system, but as our Town grows eventually such work, not only in the High School, but in the grades as well, will be required. This should prove a good investment in citizenship.

A little more than a year ago a hint that we might lose our class "A" rating was based, in part, upon the idea that because of our two-session day many worthwhile extra curricula activities might not be possible. The truth of the matter is that there is no school which can be found anywhere in this vicinity which does so much along the extra curricula activity line as Braintree High School. Such activities are recognized as an essential part of the modern secondary school in the development of good citizenship, which is the most important object of secondary school education today. We have a splendid student body, reasonably academic and, for the most part, well behaved and desirable. The boy or girl with any real vicious traits is a rarity in Braintree High School.

Along the lines of extra curricula activities might be mentioned the success of our Band, Orchestra and Glee Club, all of which won "A" ratings at the Massachusetts and New England Music Festivals, the work of our pupils in debating, etc., in the National Forensic League, the work of the Editorial Board of the Wampatuck, the operetta, Physical Education exhibition, Oral English play, Senior Show, "B" Club entertainment, etc., all of which have been outstanding in the past year. Our athletic teams have won their share of contests played and, win or lose, have always shown good sportsmanship and clean playing. It might be said in this connection that since, presumably, boys and girls of High School age play team games for pleasure that this side should be emphasized rather than that of winning games at any cost. When the time comes that our team members cannot get enjoyment from the games, the games should be discontinued.

Late in the school year last Spring, plans were made for a Parent-Teachers Association in the High School and in October the first regular meeting was held with Miss Melinda Prentiss, of the Boston School Department, as speaker. A second meeting was held in November. It has been a source of disappointment that so few parents have evidenced any interest in this organization.

At the present time the school is in the process of being surveyed, according to the vote of Town Meeting last Spring. Dr. S. M. Brownell of the Graduate School of Education of Yale, one of the three selected to make the survey, was assigned to the High School. After preliminary conferences with the teachers, heads of departments, etc., and a study of the school organization, Dr. Brownell and four students of the Graduate School spent two days in visiting classes. A series of standardized tests are now in the process of being given to various groups. We know that this committee can give only a favorable report on the school as a whole but they may be able to make suggestions which can be adopted and prove useful. Undoubtedly, they will be able to make some definite recommendations relative to the housing problems of the schools in general, and of the High School in particular. What those recommendations will be, and what the reaction of the voters will be toward them, remains to be seen.

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. JORDAN.

REPORT OF THE ART SUPERVISOR

December 1939.

Mr. C. Edward Fisher,
Superintendent of Schools,
Braintree, Massachusetts.

Dear Sir:

I herewith submit my report for the year 1939.

November 1 to 7 was National Art Week which was observed throughout the country by schools, clubs, art galleries, museums and stores with lectures, special exhibits, special advertising, etc. In Braintree Schools each class planned their own Art exhibit for Art Week. Work of the previous school year (winter and spring) had to be saved over the summer in order to, in November, show work from a whole year. A pupil might have his work on display in two grades because of his promotion in September. Space in a classroom does not permit the showing of a whole year's work so only the "high spots" of greatest interest were shown. In some schools the auditorium and corridors were used as well as the classrooms. To make a survey of the art work it would have been necessary to visit all the classes in all the schools; because each was individual. Although the syllabus outlining the art work is presented to all the classes of the same grade in the same form, it does not follow that the work is carried out in exactly the same way. Individual differences in teachers and pupils entered into making the results varied and interesting. Large murals in chalk and tempera colors, sometimes covering a whole side wall, were conspicuous in the exhibits. Subjects depicted were New England Industries, Circus Parades, Homes in Other Lands, Ferdinand the Bull, Our Community, Eskimos Life, Indian Life, a Holland Tulip Farm, etc.

Of the various types of posters made during the year, perhaps the most notable in the exhibits were the large travel posters, about 24" x 36". Some were original ideas and a few were copies of some of the better foreign travel posters. The assignment consisted of one copy from a good poster, to better understand the technique, then an entirely original poster was made. Another project which deserves special mention is the "Picture Maps of Braintree" which also were of large proportions (about 36" x 56"). Every seventh grade class in town produced one or more such maps, showing the principal buildings, such as schools, churches, Town Hall, Library, Fire and Police Station, factories, historic landmarks, etc. For the correct information regarding those buildings, preliminary sketches, either from the actual places or from photographs, had to be made. This made the pupils familiar with places which are a part of their civic life. Assembling all the sketches on a map to be painted in tempera colors involved a difficult problem in design, arrangement, and color harmony.

Designing, cutting, and printing linoleum blocks to make individual Christmas cards was another project which was very popular in the eighth grades. Since block printing was first started, many program covers, title pages and cover designs for school publications have been made by the students.

I do not here wish to go into detail concerning each grade; but it is my general aim to have a broad Art Program which functions with the other learning experiences in school life and not wholly set aside and isolated as a separate unit. Specific aims for each grade are stated in the Drawing Outline. An integrated program is more significant and enriching to the school life of the children and modern educational methods require it. Since individual initiative in creative work is a prized and valuable asset in a student, it is our aim to promote the quality of the creative work, to offer new fields in which to explore and advance, to create interest and enthusiasm which will express itself along artistic lines, and to promote the type of Art Education which will enable the pupils to appreciate and enjoy that which is good, according to artistic standards.

In conclusion, I wish to thank Mr. Fisher, the principals, teachers and cadets and all who have co-operated with us and shown an interest in our school art.

Respectfully submitted,

RUTH H. JOHNSON.

REPORT OF THE VOCAL MUSIC SUPERVISOR

January 2, 1940.

Mr. C. Edward Fisher
Superintendent of Schools
Braintree, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

The main objectives of our vocal study are:

1. To give every child an opportunity to develop his singing voice together with a growing ability to sing in tune with as good a voice quality as the individual child's vocal organs make possible and

definite enjoyment on the part of the children in producing true, beautiful tone.

2. Opportunity to acquire a song repertory with the purpose to arouse the child's interest and pleasure in expression.

3. To experience the happy group activity of chorus singing which has important social values.

4. To acquire skill and power in reading fairly difficult music in any key and including the common rhythmic figures.

In my two previous reports I outlined the procedures of these four main objectives. This year I wish to outline another musical experience, probably not so well known to people outside of the schools as singing and playing but which is getting more important every year now that we have the radio. This is known as intelligent listening.

It is important that early in life every child be brought in contact with much beautiful music, an opportunity to hear constantly music from the enduring classics and to give them a large musical experience, richer than that afforded by children's own singing and playing.

Portable phonographs, with good tone qualities, and records can provide our children from kindergarten through the grades a splendid opportunity to listen to the world's best music played by fine artists and this music can be reviewed frequently until it becomes familiar.

In the primary grades the hearing of small fragments of melody, with great varied appeal, attentive, discriminative listening, also much passive listening for general beauty is of great importance in building the background of the child's music life.

In the grammar grades the main objectives are to develop a feeling for the beauty and power of good music, to inculcate a discrimination with regard to tone color of the different instruments of the orchestra; to apprehend the moods of various musical compositions, and as one educator words it, "to discover that music is something more than pretty sounds, that music may be the voice of a nation speaking; it may be the emotional record of a period of world history; the reflection of a famous story or the portrait of a great man done in tone." With the opportunity to hear music over and over and to listen to the same composition a number of times they can learn to recognize and enjoy the many fine details of music workmanship—details the untrained listener misses.

During the past year four schools have received new radio-phonographs with fine tone qualities. Through Mr. Ray's efforts the Hollis, Penniman and Monatiquot Schools each have purchased one and at Mr. Lord's suggestion the Noah Torrey Primary School received a fine machine from the Parent-Teachers Association.

I hope it will not be long before we can have a time allotment and the necessary equipment in phonographs and records to carry out these objectives in listening lessons in all our schools.

The grade schools gave four outstanding public performances during the past year. The Monatiquot, Hollis and Penniman Schools each gave a large concert in the form of a broadcast. The speaking parts were planned and written by Miss Steele of the Monatiquot School. The Thomas Watson School gave a fine performance of the Comic Opera, "Pinafore," by Gilbert and Sullivan. All the leads were selected from the eighth grade. Never have we had so much talent in one grade. Last year was a banner year for all the eighth grades. The music selections

on the graduation programs were of High School standard and these choruses were rendered with fine tone quality, good balance of three and four parts and with interesting song interpretation.

In closing my report I wish to quote from an educator of our day, "Of all the arts, music, perhaps, reaches the most people and touches them most intimately, whether we ourselves sing or play or merely listen, we know that music is a part of life. Going back to the days of the psalmist David and the far-off philosopher Plato, records show that the wise men of all times and countries have considered music, not as luxury but a necessity to public welfare. To quote Plato's own words, 'But with what object are our citizens to learn music?' We reply, in order that they may be better fitted to live the life of peace." Plato—Laws of the Republic, Book III. Circa 400 B. C.

I wish to express my sincere appreciation to all who so kindly co-operated with the department during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

INGRID EKMAN.

REPORT OF THE INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC SUPERVISOR

December 20, 1939.

Mr. C. Edward Fisher
Superintendent of Schools
Braintree, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

I submit herewith my annual report for 1939.

Enrollment figures of this department are as follows:

Grammar schools	259
High School	83
Total	342

Instrumental distribution in the grades and high schools is:

GRADE	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Total
Instrument										
Violin	11	17	5	11	21	7	5	—	—	77
Viola	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
Cello	—	—	—	1	2	—	—	—	1	4
Bass	—	1	—	—	3	2	—	—	1	7
Flute	—	1	1	1	3	1	—	2	—	9
Clarinet	3	4	6	15	12	5	2	—	6	53
Saxophone	—	1	1	10	3	2	1	2	2	22
Trumpet	22	8	12	8	5	6	6	6	4	77
Trombone	—	—	1	7	5	1	2	1	1	18
Baritone	1	—	—	1	1	2	—	1	1	7
Horns	—	—	1	—	2	—	3	—	1	7
Basses	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	2	3
Percussion	6	1	5	27	12	2	1	2	1	57
Total by Grades	43	33	32	81	70	28	20	15	20	342

A glance at the above data clearly indicates the popularity of certain instruments. This year, however, fifty-six new pupils chose many more of the much needed unusual instruments. I look forward with great anticipation to the day when our high school band and orchestra will have as regular equipment such instruments as the oboe, bassoon, alto and bass clarinets.

During the year our grade and high school instrumental units have found outlets in many and varied activities. Excluding assemblies, grade school orchestras and soloists took part in thirty-four different programs, usually in cooperation with other departments. The units at the High School participated at twenty-two various events ranging from football games to a style show. Outstanding, perhaps, was the Third Annual Music Festival given by the chorus, band, and orchestra, plus the All-Grade School Orchestra of 70 pieces.

On May the thirteenth, approximately 130 members of the High School musical organizations attended the Massachusetts Music Festival at Belmont. In the competitive part of the affair our chorus, band, and orchestra, performed meritoriously. The chorus and orchestra placed in Division I (Superior) while the band placed in Division II (Excellent). One week later at the New England Music Festival at Worcester the band revealed full potentialities by placing in Division I. It is interesting to note that nearly 10,000 high school musicians participated in these two festivals.

I am very grateful to the many members of the School Department for the assistance and cooperation extended me during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR P. HAUCK,
Instrumental Instructor.

REPORT OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION INSTRUCTORS

December 19, 1939.

Mr. C. Edward Fisher
Superintendent of Schools
Braintree, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Fisher:

Physical Education is a vital part of the school curriculum because of its far reaching effect upon the health, character, and personality of the individual as a child, and because it has such great carry-over value into life as an adult.

Physical Education develops muscular control and coordination through the following activities:

1. Walking erect.
2. Running lightly.
3. Skipping.
4. Handling play equipment.
5. Games.
6. Rhythms and Dancing.
7. Posture (including classroom sitting as well as standing).
8. Stunts.

Because he is coordinated and can play well, a child likes to play with other children in after school time. This is certainly a healthy and socializing pastime. Also, if he likes to play, and is able to do so well, a child has the needed respect of his playmates. In this manner the school is definitely influencing the growth of the child at times other than when he is in the schoolroom. From these active childhood pastimes come the interests in other activities and sports which are engaged in, throughout life. The most important objective of all teaching is certainly to aid us to live a richer, fuller life and Physical Education should be able to contribute very much.

Physical Education develops correct emotional and social reactions in play and recreational activities as to: interest, initiative, perseverance, courage, participation in the group, control under excitement of play, leadership, cooperation, and taking turns.

DEMONSTRATIONS

There have been five demonstrations showing the type of work being done in Physical Education throughout the town. The participants were not chosen for ability. Any child who so desired took part. The following demonstrations were conducted during February and March:

School	Number of children participating
Thomas A. Watson	240
Jonas Perkins	240
Abraham Lincoln	200
Monatiquot	220
Hollis	230
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Total	1130 pupils

During the month of May, every child in the elementary schools took part in May Play Day festivals in their own district. These affairs were arranged as follows:

Location	Entire school body, grades one through eight.
Adams Street Playground:	Thomas A. Watson, Abraham Lincoln, and Jonas Perkins.
High School Playground:	Hollis, Monatiquot, and Penniman.
Noah Torrey Playground:	Noah Torrey, Pond, and Colbert.
Highlands Playground:	Highlands.

These playdays were successful and worthwhile in that so many children were actively engaged in playing at the same time, with children of their own age, but with whom they were not acquainted. Ribbons donated by the P.T.A. were awarded to the winners of the various events for older children.

We wish to thank you, Mr. Fisher, the Principals, the Teachers, and everyone who cooperates with us in our work.

Respectfully submitted,

ETHEL N. DOUGLASS,
FRANCIS G. LUOMA.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL NURSE

January 2, 1940.

Mr. C. Edward Fisher
Superintendent of Schools
Braintree, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

Herewith is submitted my annual report on the health work that is being done in the schools of Braintree.

The children in the Public Schools of Braintree have been examined by Dr. Gallivan, Dr. Frogel and Dr. Ripley.

The Norfolk County Tuberculosis Clinic was held on November 10, 1939, at which time one hundred sixty-eight Juniors and one hundred sixty-nine Freshmen were inoculated. Of this number only thirty showed positive readings. The X-rays will determine whether there is any cause for further consideration.

In February, 1939, eighteen pupils were examined in the Tuberculosis Clinic, six parents being present. The X-rays of eleven teachers proved to be negative. Five pupils were taken to the Norfolk County Hospital for X-rays as they were absent at the time of the Clinic. In November, 1939, one hundred forty pupils were X-rayed.

One hundred fifty-five essays on "Mothercraft" were submitted by the eighth grade girls. Miss Jeanne Moffatt received the Philergians' prize of \$2.50; also, the State Federation's prize of \$5.00. Miss Phyllis Leatherbee received honorable mention.

HEALTH WORK: Whooping cough began soon after school started. In May 2606 children were weighed and measured; in November, 2558; ringworm, 2; toothaches, 20 (mostly in upper grades); cut finger, 10; burn, 3; foreign body in eye, 6; home visits, 27; dressings, 70; heads, 950; treatment, 15; impetigo, 7; scrubbed, 3; sent home with nits, 10; pen point in hand; advised, 36; splinter, 6; cut back of ear, 1.

The school children are receiving many benefits from the Dental Clinic.

This year one hundred fifty-eight pre-school children were given the inoculation for diphtheria; this is the largest number we have had.

I wish to thank every one connected with the School Department for their cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY E. COLLINS, R. N.

REPORT OF THE SUPERVISOR OF ATTENDANCE

December 30, 1939.

Mr. C. Edward Fisher,
Superintendent of Schools,
Braintree, Massachusetts.

Dear Sir:

In reviewing my activities in 1939, I am strongly impressed by the large number of problem children whom I have contacted. The new and better way of dealing with unruly children is scientific, kindly, helpful, and in great contrast to the righteous punishing in old ways. Intelligent understanding and loving kindness prove to be the proper prescription for offending little ones. Bad conduct in the little child, is a symptom and the reason for the symptom is ever so much more to be considered than the offence. The authorities who have constructed the new science of child guidance and all modern parents and teachers agree on this.

Those who have made an intensive study of the mental and emotional behavior of children blame "fear" for most of the misdemeanors. A parent's task doesn't end till she arranges for both bodily and mental health today. Fears, hurt feelings, inferior feelings or just an imagination running riot may lead to the dangerous near-psychopath. Example plays an important part in a child's world, and if the environment is such that he may really start growing up in it, he will become adjusted, be happy and be strong enough to meet the tasks and duties as they present themselves in his daily life's progress. He will be adjusted to his words, not only loved by his father and mother, but understood by them, as well.

Braintree's list of broken families is longer than we would wish it to be. These homes where trouble, friction, misunderstandings, etc., prevail have naturally provided most of my work this year. Truants and delinquents generally thrive on such living conditions.

The Juvenile Court, The Massachusetts Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children, The Salvation Army and The Red Cross are very important agencies to the Braintree Schools, and I am deeply grateful for their help in my work of striving for perfect attendance. In ninety percent of all cases, the child is not to blame; which is the sad part of the story.

I am indeed grateful for the one hundred percent cooperation of the teaching staff, the Supervising Principals and for the advice and help which I have received from you.

As last year, I have omitted summaries, feeling they could not be tabulated to tell anything of interest to the public.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCES L. WALKER.

HIGH SCHOOL

Phyllis Eloise Kilmain
 Esther Bernadette Zecchini
 Marion Doris Tobin
 *Robert William Maxwell
 Ruth Dimock Shedd
 Myrtie Carpenter
 Thomas Franklin Robinson
 Malcolm Chandler Walker
 Mary Evelyn Holton
 Helen Louise Holmes
 Eliot Bruce Spiess
 Robert Irving Adams
 *Ruth Elaine Adams
 Alfred William Albert
 Caroline Alice Albrecht
 Richard Dennison Allen
 Annette Elvira Altobelli
 Martha Andrews
 Clement Bernard Avitabile
 Patsy Edward Avitabile
 Mary Madline Bardetti
 Ethel Helen Bates
 William Everett Bates
 Eleanor Marie Bean
 Francis Gavin Boyle
 Elmo John Bregoli
 Josephine Lorraine Bregoli
 Marjorie Briand
 Fred Parsons Brown
 Earl Gardner Buker
 Doris May Bushman
 *Elinor May Cain
 Vera Louise Cardarople
 Ann Marie Chafe
 Mildred Avis Chambers
 Walter French Clark
 Phyllis Grace Cocozella
 Donald Glenn Copp
 Richard Goodrich Cotter
 Francis Arthur Coyle
 Thomas John Creswell
 William Donald Crispin
 Elizabeth Ann Crossman
 Margaret Alice Crossman
 Robert Edward Cusick
 Carroll Paul Daiute
 Eleanor Pauline DeCoste
 Angie Marie DeGregorio
 Doris Mary Delaney
 Robert Lennox Dominick
 Gail Cornelia Donovan
 Sherman Frederick Drake
 Robert David Drummey
 Channing Hale Elliott
 Alfred Adolphus Eno
 Carl Herman Erickson
 William Lawrence Ewing
 Marie Doris Farrell
 Virginia Elaine Farrell
 Frederick Coleman Farrington
 Evelyn Ferguson

Anthony Steven Ferranti
 Jane Marie Flanigan
 James Edward Fontoni
 Jeanne Louise Fowler
 Dorothy Rita Frazier
 Frances Gloria Frost
 Andrew Vincent Furlong
 Helen Marie Furlong
 Rose Theresa Gagne
 Kathryn Louise Gauthier
 Arlene Mary Gillis
 *Robert Melvinne Glover
 Eleanor Adelaide Goodearl
 Bertha Alice Gould
 Helene Sybil Graves
 Dwight Alton Griggs
 Joseph Albert Guiliano
 Agnes Margaret Hall
 Robert Arthur Hall
 Warren Franklin Hall, Jr.
 Howard Arthur Hamilton
 Eleanor Isabel Hansen
 Edmund Frederick Hart
 Robert Benjamin Hatch
 Virginia Louise Heal
 Doris Mae Hedlund
 William Joseph Hepperle, Jr.
 Howard Russell Hicks
 Louis Safford Howland, Jr.
 George Austin Hunter
 Olive Elizabeth Hyland
 Charles Sterling Innis
 Dorothy Ellen Johnson
 Thomas Anthony Johnson
 William Johnston
 Kathleen Harriet Junkins
 Marion Robina Keigan
 Charlotte Middleton Kimball
 James Carroll Kjellander
 Ruth Winifred LaBree
 Joseph Wilfred LaCroix
 Frances Louise Lamb
 Katherine Alice Lane
 Everett Allen Larmey
 Elsie Mary Lavoie
 Dorothy Elizabeth Leet
 *Paul William Leth
 *Beatrice Susan LeVangie
 William Augustus LeVangie
 Edna Evelyn Lewis
 George Littlejohn
 Grace Louise Luisi
 Robert Preston Mace
 Edythe Marion MacLaughlin
 Margarita Gertrude Malone
 Nevart Mamelian
 Dorothy Esther Mason
 Robert Theodore Mattson
 Francis Bentley McClellan
 Francis Edmund McDonough
 George Edmund McKean

Austin Campbell McLean
 Mildred Carolyn McMakin
 Hazel Margaret McRae
 Marjorie Rita McSharry
 *Mildred Anne McVay
 Antoinette Grace Merritt
 William Hugh Mitchell
 Richmond Huxley Morcom
 Joseph Daniel Moschella, Jr.
 Barbara Frances Moynihan
 Helen Josephine Myatt
 Pearl Loretta Nash
 Helen Elvira Nilson
 Sigrid Evelyn Ohrstrom
 Robert Edison Orrall
 Pauline Louise Ott
 Ruth MacLeod Papps
 *Barbara Virginia Parker
 Raymond Irvin Payne
 Doris Evelyn Pendoley
 William Perry
 Samuel Anthony Polio
 Phyllis Eleanor Pratt
 Mae Bruyere Preston
 Estella May Remick
 Gladys Irene Reynolds
 Althea Frances Riley
 Joseph Michael Rinaldi
 Louise Gemmina Rivoire
 Guy Giles Robbins
 Edward Morse Robinson
 Lillian Mae Roebled
 Jeanette Loretta Rogers
 Josephine Elizabeth Rogers
 Peter Rose

Mildred Mae Rosewarne
 Marjorie Ruth Joanne Scanlan
 Marion Ross Scudder
 Rosamond Leslie Sherman
 Harriet Jane Small
 Dorothy Ruth Smith
 Elizabeth Ann Smith
 Florence Elizabeth Smith
 Marguerite Amelia Smith
 Natalie Packard Snow
 Edward Arthur St. Andre
 Ernest Oscar Steffen
 John Arthur Stenberg
 Mary Laura Stevenson
 Daniel Joseph Sullivan
 Mary Frances Tantillo
 Priscilla Alden Thayer
 Esther Anne Tibbetts
 Richard Carlisle Tonner
 William Edward Trainor
 Phyllis Elizabeth Traverse
 Anne Carolyn Urquhart
 Leona Louise Vayens
 Blanche Arlene Veno
 Robert Jackson Wadsworth
 Olive Elizabeth Walsh
 Anne Gillies Watson
 James Francis Welch
 William George Wheeler
 Jean Creighton White
 Barbara Wilkinson
 Evelyn Margueritte Williamson
 Virginia Lee Winslow
 Barbara Carle Woodbury
 Walter Volland Worth

Donald John Wynot

First eleven names are arranged according to rank with average of over 90%.

*Not absent during four years' course.

BRAINTREE HIGHLANDS SCHOOL

Virginia Bates
 Elizabeth Lee Beetle
 Muriel Dorothy Berg
 Janice Burpee
 Harvey William Carr
 Ruth Marilyn Coyle
 John Farquharson Day
 Robert Eugene Day
 Leo James Foley
 H. Carol Gongaware
 Methyl Arlene Hardy
 Marie Linder Holmberg

George A. McKenzie, Jr.
 Michael Joseph Mulcahy
 Thomas H. O'Rourke
 Janet Parker
 John Pratt
 Naomi Alice Story
 John Francis Sullivan
 Walter Ernest Sweet
 Theodore M. Taylor, Jr.
 Richard Francis Waite
 Frank Henry Walter, Jr.

NOAH TORREY SCHOOL

Patricia Marilyn Alves
 Dorothy Rose Argentina
 David R. Brodie, Jr.
 Antoinette Frances Carlozzi
 Earl Charles Carlozzi
 Claire Carter
 Pauline Marie Chiasson

Guido Conte
 John Constantino, Jr.
 Hope Lorraine Crocker
 George Edward Cusick
 Nancy Marie Damiano
 Franklin Francis DeGiso
 Louis Paul DeGregorio

Mary Antoinette Delgiacco
 May Bell Denning
 Paul David Dillon
 James Harrison Dwinell, Jr.
 James Robert Eisenhower
 Edward Francis Eno
 Percy Fabiano, Jr.
 James Leslie Gallagher
 Russell Hirtle
 Shirley Bartlett Howland
 Ellen Jane Hughes
 Mary Isabel Jewell
 Thelma Irene Libby
 Louise Sarah Lynch
 Anthony Mavilia
 Isabel Ann McCarthy

Edward Patrick McCusker
 Paul Somers Morgan
 Elaine Moynihan
 Edward Francis Percy
 Harold John Pittsley
 George Arnold Prescott, Jr.
 Drew Russell Raymond
 Lucien Louis Richardi
 Donato Lucien Richardi
 Calvin Coolidge Rinaldi
 Gloria Priscilla Rinaldi
 Kenneth Morton Smith
 Gertrude C. Spinney
 Donald Clark Stevens
 Shirley May Twitchell
 Catherine Mary Venuti

MONATIQUOT SCHOOL

George Frederick Allsopp
 Doris Kathleen Andrews
 Doris Anne Barrett
 Patricia Ann Bowman
 Ruth Ellen Burke
 Hazel Frances Davis
 Daniel Joseph Delaney
 Marjorie Elsie Drollett
 Lucy Elizabeth Duffy
 Elaine Wright Duquet
 Phyllis Elizabeth Ewing
 Mary Fillingim
 Eileen May Finnegan
 Virginia Furlong
 Barbara Ann Greene
 Rowena Orrville Hilton
 Theresa Grace Iamele
 Edward Rogers Kelley
 Helen Mary Kelley
 John Francis Lane

Lawrence Alexander Lang, Jr.
 Elmer Levangie
 Henrietta Carrington Lockwood
 James Joseph McSharry
 Helen Patricia O'Brien
 Anita Ruth Osgood
 Lynde Catlin Partridge
 Mary Katherine Petersen
 Robert Walter Preble
 Donald Harrison Quimby
 Gene Louise Sanford
 Horace Francis Scott
 Janet Elizabeth Shaw
 Elizabeth Oralee Starkey
 Dorothy Clark Tarr
 Ralph Arthur Tower
 Mary Eleanor Tully
 William Daniel Vines
 Margaret Elizabeth White

HOLLIS SCHOOL

Esther Frances Arnold
 Ruth Milliken Barter
 Ruth Elizabeth Chisholm
 Grace Allen Cocozella
 Grace Elizabeth Cavanagh
 Ruth Esther Driver
 Barbara Ann Farren
 Marjorie Evelyn Ford
 Grace Jeanette Frazier
 Elizabeth Prince Frost
 Margaret Elsie Hammett
 Phyllis Holmes Leatherbee
 Elizabeth Macandrew
 Jeanne Lee Moffatt
 Bette Florence Olsen
 Norma Leone Payne
 Mary Woods Phemister
 Barbara Elizabeth Roberts
 Alice Miriam Shedd
 Phyllis Mary Sullivan
 Lillian Anna Tassinary
 Marilyn Thurlow

Patricia Anne Tobin
 Frances Rosalia Wilson

 Kenneth Curran
 Paul Bertram Curran
 John Scott Elliott
 John Wheeler Harding, Jr.
 William Blaisdell Harding
 Donald Loren Harter
 Robert Wellman Howe
 Donald George Hunter
 Warren John LaCroix
 William Ingram McCullough
 Charles Francis McNulty
 Robert Elwin Milk
 James Richmond Qualey
 Warren Craig Scott
 Harold Glenn Simms
 Robert William Stewart
 George Arthur Talbot
 Paul Douglas Taylor
 Franklyn Williard Thurlow

PENNIMAN SCHOOL

Jeanne Russell Archer
 Marjorie Jean Barrie
 Dorothy Elizabeth Boltz
 Corrinne Martha Carlson
 Isabel Frances Cavanagh
 Nancy Duffee
 Shirley Farnum
 Eleanor Marie Finnegan
 Marie Frances Gorham
 Harriet Loraine Harper
 Evelyn Mae Hirtle
 Claire Cushman Hyland
 Hazel Margaret LeVangie
 Theresa Eunice MacInnis
 Anna Louise McMakin
 Althea Virginia Nason
 Shirley Elena Nelson
 Lilian Alice Pierce
 Elizabeth Jean Smith
 Barbara Stevenson
 Mildred Florence Tellier
 Marie Ruth Trainor

Marjorie Louise Thompson
 Ruth Elizabeth Young
 Wendell Edward Albert
 Bertram Frederick Anderson
 Gordon Bonney Copp
 Robert Thomas Donahue
 Norman Wentworth Goodwin
 John Sanford Gorham
 Henry Haviland Harlow
 Frank Gordon Harris, Jr.
 George Washington Jordan
 Wallace Macmillan Kemp, Jr.
 Arthur Edward Lake
 George Creighton Macdonald, Jr.
 John Edward McKeever
 Paul Joseph McKeever
 Arthur William O'Brien, Jr.
 Gerald Joseph Post
 Donald Preston Rogers
 Robert Thomas Smart
 George Oliver St. Andre

JONAS PERKINS SCHOOL

Eleanor Otis Allen
 Dorothy Louise Appleyard
 Stanley Abram Baker
 William Monroe Barrows
 Raymond Everett Bence, Jr.
 Muriel Ward Benjamin
 Robert Wallace Bewley
 Miriam Elaine Burk
 George Frederick Morton Crosby, Jr.
 Beverly Leona Curran
 Helen Muriel Davis
 Christopher Anthony Drummey, Jr.
 Charles Albert Faulds
 Helen Virginia Frazier
 Faith Gambino
 Robert Glassett
 Mary Gorman
 Walter Oliver Howland
 John Gerald Kearney
 John Andrew Kelley

Jean Frances Lee
 Mary Melvina Lynch
 Alice Mae MacDonald
 Mary Elizabeth Mattie
 John Lawrence McDonnell
 Robert Jeremiah McLaughlin
 John Thomas McRae
 Clara Elizabeth Nott
 Theodore Frederick Ott
 Patricia Louise Palmer
 James Henry Pinkham
 Anne Louise Powers
 Barbara Abbie Record
 Gordon Frederick Roberts
 John William Roberts
 Charles Edwin Sanders, Jr.
 Dorothy Etta Smith
 Stephen Stern, Jr.
 Edwin Jones Stevens, Jr.
 Ruth Louise Wentworth

THOMAS A. WATSON SCHOOL

Ruth Ellen Bailey
 Hollis Melville Black, Jr.
 Charles William Brown
 Ruth Ann Cahill
 John Denis Carey
 Maureen Carey
 Mary-Jane Carty
 Muriel Alma Cashin
 Constance Beradette Cheverie
 Sarah Atwood Clark
 Alice Elizabeth Cleary
 Margaret Janet Collier
 Mary Alice Concannon

Thomas Anderson Henshaw
 Kenneth Charles Jaeger
 Frederick David Levangie
 Catherine Elizabeth Little
 Helen Grey MacFee
 Walter Francis Malone
 Charles Frederick Martin
 John James McCue
 Robert Emmett McRae
 Ralph Prestat Melville
 Pauline Louise Oakley
 Russell Clifford Pinard
 William Grady Ritchie

Norma Louise Roeblad
 Betty Rosewarne
 Richard Lee Scripp
 Mary Margaret Shepardson
 Matilda Barbara Silva
 Patricia Joy Smith

Duncan Harry South
 Gordon Stanley Stovold
 Robert Lewis Thompson
 Wilson Dale Welch
 Ernest Stewart Wells
 John Joseph White, Jr.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN SCHOOL

Dorothy Allsopp
 Blanche Baskin
 Paul Rourke Bickerstaffe
 Joseph Simon Bonvie
 Patricia Ann Burns
 Ann Campbell
 Ruth Margaret Carroll
 Dorothy Esther Cochrane
 Ruth Dorothea Cohen
 George Gordon Cumming
 Marion Helen Davies
 Virginia Denton
 Gloria Mildred DeShong
 Helen Leona Frazier
 Kenneth Earl Greene
 Antoinette Marie Henrich
 Gail Hughes
 Barbara Marie James
 Constance Ruth Jeffers
 Edith May Joudrey
 Verle William King

Thomas Robert Leahy
 Alice Arlene Frances LeVangie
 Donald John McEwan
 Harry Emmet McCollum
 Eleanor Josephine McCollum
 Kenneth Morrell McIlvin
 Audrey Elizabeth McKay
 Jean Millicent Neal
 Lawrence Joseph Perrault
 Merrell Alan Reed
 James Joseph Ruddy
 Cynthia Elizabeth Simpson
 Viola Lillian Simpson
 Mary Elaine Sullivan
 Robert Francis Thompson
 Geraldine Margaret Wain
 Stanley LeRoy Westover
 Janet Mary Wilson
 Dorothy Mae Willett
 Robert Sabens

BRAINTREE HIGH SCHOOL

Department	October 1, 1939 Membership	Name	Education	Experience	Service Began
Principal	Total 1066	James L. Jordan	Bates College	31 years	Sept. 1918
Secretary	Post Grad. 28	Kathleen L. Welch	Braintree High		Oct. 1929
Sub-Master-Science		Samuel E. Lawrence	Barry's Secretarial School	23 years	Sept. 1921
Science	Seniors 216	Paul V. Toolin	R. I. State College	11 years	Sept. 1930
Science	Juniors 261	Almeda M. Walker	University of N. H.	14 years	Sept. 1927
Science-Mathematics		Walter J. Kane	Mass. State College	9 years	Sept. 1934
Science	Sophomores 271	Harold M. Hawkes	Norwich University	6 years	Sept. 1938
Science-Civics		James M. Dysart	University of N. H.	10 years	Sept. 1932
Mathematics	Freshmen 290	Katherine K. Waldron	Bowdoin College	30 years	Sept. 1924
Mathematics		Alton C. Perry	Boston University	14 years	Sept. 1928
Civics		William H. Erwin	University of Maine	5 years	Sept. 1936
History, Guidance		G. Vinton Jones	Mt. St. Mary's College	12 years	Sept. 1929
History		Albert J. Murphy	Colby College		
			Bridgewater State T. Col.		
History		Eula I. Hutchins	Boston University	11 years	Sept. 1931
History		Edward R. Oakman	Boston University	14 years	Sept. 1932
English		Constance F. Stecher	Boston University	2 years	Sept. 1937
English		Charles W. Brooks	Boston University	13 years	Sept. 1928
English		Mary C. Halloran	Bridgewater State T. Col.	24 years	Jan. 1916
			Bridgewater State T. Col.		
English		Marion L. Billings	Boston University	10 years	Sept. 1931
English-Latin		Eleanor F. Chace	Smith College	18 years	Sept. 1924
English-Drawing		Katherine D. Hearn	Boston University	4 years	Sept. 1939
English-Latin		Bernadine McCusker	Trinity College	10 years	Sept. 1933
Drawing		Aldo D. Chiesia	Boston University	9 years	Sept. 1931
Latin		Ida Wilsker	Mass. School of Art	12½ years	Apr. 1929
Latin-French		Hazel M. Summerville	Brown University	17 years	Sept. 1924
			University of N. H.	14 years	Sept. 1926

Department	October 1, 1939 Membership	Name	Education	Experience	Service Began
French		Josephine A. Keany	Boston University	18 years	Sept. 1924
German-Spanish		U. Chester Ullman	St. John's College	6 years	Sept. 1936
Household Arts		Ruth J. Bennett	Framingham State T. Col.	24 years	Sept. 1919
Household Arts		Doris Trowt	Framingham State T. Col.	4 years	Feb. 1939
Librarian		Ruth P. Strout	Boston University	12 years	Sept. 1929
Commercial		Raymond L. Strangford	Northeastern University	22 years	Sept. 1922
Commercial		Edna M. Parker	Boston University	9 years	Sept. 1935
Commercial		Richard W. Johnson	Fitchburg State T. Col.	19 years	Sept. 1922
Commercial		G. Kenneth Rogers	Northeastern University	2½ years	Sept. 1938
Commercial		Mildred B. Ahlgren	Salem State T. College	20 years	Sept. 1923
Commercial		Viola P. Evans	Salem State T. College	14 years	Sept. 1928
Commercial		Lili A. Kleinberg	Boston University		
			University of Berlin	7 years	Mar. 1936
Commercial		Margaret C. Kirby	Salem State T. Col.	25 years	Sept. 1923
Commercial		Ruth W. Thrasher	Boston University	18 years	Sept. 1924
Commercial		Anna M. Tilley	Boston University	13 years	Sept. 1928
Commercial		Marion J. Simpson	Salem State T. Col.	5 years	Sept. 1936
Commercial		Mary I. Bohenko	Salem State T. Col.	3 years	Sept. 1939
Physical Education		Ellsworth R. Thwing	Aurora College		
			Boston University	12 years	Sept. 1929
Physical Education		Alice E. Daughraty	Posse Nissen School	12 years	Sept. 1929
Vocal Music		Mae L. Lindsay	B. U. College of Music	4 years	Sept. 1938
SOUTH DISTRICT					
District Principal		Charles G. Lord	Boston University	20 years	Sept. 1927

Department	October 1, 1939 Membership	Name	Education	Experience	Service Began
BRAINTREE HIGHLANDS SCHOOL					
Secretary	259	Zoa F. Pratt	Braintree High School	None	June 1939
Grade VIII	23	May Burns	Bridgewater State T. Col.	6 years	Sept. 1933
Grade VII	29	Albert Avitabile	Bridgewater State T. Col.		
			Boston University	4½ years	Feb. 1935
Grade VI	28	Flora I. Donald	Lowell State T. College	11½ years	Sept. 1933
Grade V	28	Elinor Stimson	Gorham Normal		
			Boston University	10 years	Sept. 1930
Grade IV	22	Eunice M. Brown	N. Adams State T. Col.	11 years	Sept. 1930
Grade III	30	Doris M. Varney	Keene Normal	13 years	Sept. 1929
Grade II	36	Josephine M. Foster	Braintree High School	36½ years	Sept. 1903
Grade I	42	Mary A. Reardon	Hyannis State T. Col.	6 years	Sept. 1934
Kindergarten	21	Cornelia A. Sullivan	Bridgewater State T. Col.	3 years	Sept. 1936
NOAH TORREY SCHOOL					
Cadet	435	Katherine H. Spillane	Bridgewater State T. Col.	1 year	Sept. 1938
Cadet		Phyllis F. Galotti	Bridgewater State T. Col.	None	Sept. 1939
Grade VIII	31	Loretta M. McGinty	Bridgewater State T. Col.	12 years	Sept. 1930
Grade VIII	30	Frances E. Gray	Boston University	4 years	Dec. 1935
Grade VII	31	Marguerite V. Murphy	Bridgewater State T. Col.	23 years	Sept. 1930
Grade VII	31	Margaret L. Reardon	Bridgewater State T. Col.	6 years	Sept. 1933
Grade VI	39	Helen H. Darroch	Gorham Normal	12 years	Sept. 1932
Grade VI	38	Clara B. Ferguson	Lowell State T. Col.	27 years	Sept. 1929
Grade V	33	Florence M. Jeffers	Westfield State T. Col.	12½ years	Sept. 1931
Grade V	33	Ruth G. Cleverly	Salem State T. Col.	3 years	Sept. 1936
Grade IV	32	Esther F. Drake	Bridgewater State T. Col.	14 years	Sept. 1928
Grade IV	32	Margaret E. Perkins	Colby College	20 years	Sept. 1922

Department	October 1, 1939 Membership	Name	Education	Experience	Service Began
Grade III	28	Mary F. Flaherty	Bridgewater State T. Col.	8 years	Sept. 1936
Grade III	26	Constance A. Church	Bridgewater State T. Col.	6 years	Sept. 1933
Grade II	23	Mildred E. Parsons	Perry Normal	9 years	Sept. 1932
Grade II	22	Ida E. Stratton	Newburyport Training	28 years	Mar. 1926
Special Class	6	Shirley E. Makemson	Bridgewater State T. Col.	10 years	Sept. 1932
POND SCHOOL					
Grade I	67	Leta M. Weston	Brookfield High School	28 years	Sept. 1911
Grade I	20	Rowena Wynot	Bridgewater State T. Col.	1 year	Sept. 1938
Kindergarten	27	Lucy Gage	Wheelock	15 years	Sept. 1933
JOSEPHINE B. COLBERT SCHOOL					
Grade I	35	Clara N. M. Holbrook	Thayer Academy	30 years	Sept. 1909
Kindergarten	20	Ethella M. Nichols	Perry Normal	23 years	Sept. 1916
NORTH DISTRICT					
District Principal		Chester T. Ray	Bridgewater State T. Col.	10 years	Sept. 1936
MONATIQUOT SCHOOL					
Cadet	302	Mary Barrett	Bridgewater State T. Col.	None	Sept. 1939
Grade VIII	42	Mary E. Gordon	Framingham State T. Col.	11 years	Sept. 1933
Grade VII	40	Mabelle E. Steele	Plymouth Normal	29 years	Jan. 1933
Grade VI	37	E. Aldana Coleman	Castine Normal	29 years	Sept. 1926

Department	October 1, 1939 Membership	Name	Education	Experience	Service Began
Grade V	35	Margaret McGloin	Bridgewater State T. Col.	1 year	Nov. 1938
Grade IV	35	Mabel I. Priestman	Farmington Normal	12 years	Sept. 1929
Grade III	29	E. A. Maude Craig	Hyannis State T. Col.	25 years	Sept. 1929
Grade II	32	Cora M. Coffill	N. Adams State T. Col.	26 years	Sept. 1918
Grade I	28	Marcia B. White	Oswego Normal, N. Y.	7 years	Sept. 1937
Kindergarten	24	Eleanor M. Gannon	Bridgewater State T. Col. Perry Normal	6 years	Sept. 1933
HOLLIS SCHOOL					
Secretary	347	Estella M. Demers	Braintree High School	None	Sept. 1939
Grade VIII	37	Blanche Hinds	Boston State T. Col.	27 years	Dec. 1924
Grade VII	37	Mary B. Arnold	Tufts College	15 years	Sept. 1927
Grade VI	26	Katherine D. Branley	Bridgewater State T. Col.	3 years	Sept. 1936
Grades V and VI	23	Dorothy Russell	Bridgewater State T. Col.	13 years	Sept. 1929
Grade V	28	Ruth G. Munroe	Hyannis State T. Col.	5 years	Sept. 1934
Grade IV	37	Julia F. Young	Gorham Normal	13 years	Oct. 1928
Grade III	35	Rosalie S. Bayley	Thayer Academy	40 years	Sept. 1899
Grade II	38	Grace C. Church	Boston State T. Col.	21 years	Sept. 1933
Grade I	41	Rena E. Hemenway	Salem State T. Col.	21 years	Sept. 1922
Kindergarten	33	Bessie M. Scott	Aroostook Normal	15 years	Jan. 1930
Special Class	12	Bertha L. Jennings	Bridgewater State T. Col.	31 years	Sept. 1925
PENNIMAN SCHOOL					
Cadet	374	Anna R. Hepperle	Bridgewater State T. Col.	1 year	Sept. 1938
Grade VIII	31	Eleanor G. Brown	Bridgewater State T. Col.	18½ years	Sept. 1922
Grades VII and VIII	26	Louise M. Hough	Lesley Normal Bridgewater State T. Col.	5 years	Sept. 1934

October 1, 1939		Name	Education	Experience	Service Began
Department	Membership				
Grade VII	26	Gertrude H. Falt	Gorham Normal	16 years	Sept. 1926
Grade VI	30	Ruth E. Arbuckle	Keene Normal	10 1/2 years	Sept. 1932
Grade V	31	Marie G. Sward	Atlantic Union	14 years	Sept. 1931
Grades IV and V	29	Mary E. Mills	Castine Normal	29 years	Sept. 1926
Grade IV	38	Frances E. Ryan	Bridgewater State T. Col.	6 years	Sept. 1933
Grade III	35	Mary G. Leahy	Keene Normal	18 years	Sept. 1928
Grades II and III	28	Mildred A. Hazeltine	Plymouth Normal	14 years	Dec. 1930
Grade II	33	Ilo L. Sullard	Willimantic Normal	14 years	Dec. 1930
Grade I	34	Mary E. Rand	Bridgewater State T. Col.	8 years	Sept. 1932
Kindergarten	33	Cecilia C. Whelan	Wheelock	23 years	Sept. 1916
EAST DISTRICT					
District Principal		I. Raymond Libby	Farmington Normal Boston University	15 years	Sept. 1929
JONAS PERKINS SCHOOL					
Cadet	272	Helen Campbell	Bridgewater State T. Col.	None	Sept. 1939
Grade VIII	29	Bertha E. Hinchcliffe	Salem State T. Col.	24 years	Sept. 1925
Grade VII	27	Ena M. Bell	Aroostook Normal	16 years	Sept. 1929
Grade VI	28	Clarence Newton Blair	Bridgewater State T. Col.	3 years	Sept. 1936
Grade V	23	Eleanor C. Tarbox	Bridgewater State T. Col.	8 years	Nov. 1936
Grade IV	38	Abia E. Brown	Farmington State T. Col.	8 years	Sept. 1937
Grade III	31	Helen C. Dignan	Bridgewater State T. Col.	21 years	Sept. 1921
Grade II	25	Helen F. Moore	Bridgewater State T. Col.	10 years	Sept. 1930
Grade I	32	Marguerite L. Sumner	Page Kindergarten	43 years	Sept. 1904
Kindergarten	39	Lillian M. Cleary	Bridgewater State T. Col.	2 years	Sept. 1937

Department	October 1, 1939 Membership	Name	Education	Experience	Service Began
THOMAS A. WATSON SCHOOL					
Secretary	349	Florence E. Smith	Braintree High School	None	Sept. 1939
Grade VIII	34	A. Eugenia Wilbas	Bridgewater State T. Col.	19 years	Sept. 1922
Grade VII	39	Ruth I. Clark	North Adams State T. Col.	16 years	Sept. 1925
Grade VI	35	Dorothy M. King	Bridgewater State T. Col.	8 years	Sept. 1933
Grade V	41	Mary T. Madden	Bridgewater State T. Col.	20 years	Sept. 1923
Grade IV	32	Gladys M. Pierce	Castine Normal	19 years	Sept. 1927
Grade IV	19	Ruth M. Loneragan	Bridgewater State T. Col.	6 years	Sept. 1933
Grade III	39	Georgianna B. Barrows	R. I. Col. of Education	12 years	Sept. 1930
Grade II	38	Aileen L. Kingsbury	Plymouth Normal	14 years	Sept. 1925
Grade I	44	Florence E. Quinn	Wheelock	4½ years	Feb. 1935
Kindergarten	28	Mary B. Warren	Lesley Normal	17 years	Sept. 1929
ABRAHAM LINCOLN SCHOOL					
Cadet	322	Elsie J. Church	Bridgewater State T. Col.	None	Sept. 1939
Grade VIII	31	Anna V. Galligan	Bridgewater State T. Col.	31 years	Sept. 1916
Grade VII	39	Donald E. Ross	Bridgewater State T. Col.	4 years	Sept. 1935
Grade VI	34	Dorothy F. Scanlan	Bridgewater State T. Col.	10 years	Sept. 1939
Grade V	35	Doris G. Perkins	North Adams State T. Col.	2 years	Oct. 1937
Grade IV	34	Emily A. Landry	Bridgewater State T. Col.	23 years	Sept. 1918
Grade III	30	Laura M. Snow	Gorham Normal	12½ years	Jan. 1930
Grade II	22	Martha V. Scully	Plymouth Normal	15 years	Sept. 1930
Grade II	21	Margaret L. Fleck	Wheelock	3 years	Sept. 1936
Grade I	34	Henrietta F. E. Byam	Bridgewater State T. Col.	35½ years	Sept. 1933
Kindergarten	31	Florence M. Ladrigan	Perry Kindergarten	16 years	Sept. 1927
Special Class	11	Alice Crocker	Bridgewater State T. Col.	31 years	Sept. 1925

October 1, 1939 Membership		Name	Education	Experience	Service Began
Department					
SUNDRY PERSONS					
Instrumental Music		Arthur P. Hauck	New England Conservatory Ithaca College	3 1/2 years	Jan. 1936
Vocal Music		Ingrid E. Ekman	New England Conservatory	29 years	Sept. 1919
Drawing		Ruth H. Johnson	Massachusetts School of Art	15 years	Sept. 1927
Physical Education		Francis G. Luoma	Springfield College	4 years	Sept. 1938
Physical Education		Ethel N. Douglass	Sargent College	2 years	Sept. 1938
Nurse		Mary E. Collins	Malden Hospital	37 years	Sept. 1929
Superintendent		C. Edward Fisher	St. Lawrence University		
			Brown University	39 years	Oct. 1921
Secretary		Edna E. Woodsum	Braintree High School Pierce Secretarial School		Jan. 1936
Supervisor of Attendance		Frances L. Walker			Sept. 1934
Repair Man		Edward O. Long			June 1922
Physician		Dr. Reuben H. Frogel			
Physician		Dr. John J. Gallivan			
Physician		Dr. Harold W. Ripley			

JANITORS

Richard T. Reed, 14 Thayer Avenue, South Braintree.
 Warren W. Dyer, 684 Washington Street, South Braintree.
 Harlan S. Demeritt, 27 Sampson Avenue, Braintree.
 Lottabell A. Demeritt, 27 Sampson Avenue, Braintree.
 Howard S. Harrington, 1469 Liberty Street, South Braintree.
 Guy E. Wood, 191 Pond Street, South Braintree.
 Nelson E. Hayden, 305 Pond Street, South Braintree.
 Marion C. Gillette, 21 Hancock Street, South Braintree.
 George H. Bickford, 36 Sherbrooke Avenue, Braintree.
 George Perkins, 18 Middle Street, Braintree.
 Omer W. Hollis, 282 Union Street, Braintree.
 Leon W. Hyde, 35 Claremont Street, East Braintree.
 Joseph M. McRae, 53 Arborway Drive, East Braintree.
 James L. Parker, 66 Hillcrest Road, East Braintree.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Teachers' Salaries	\$240,988.92	
Superintendent's Salary	4,500.00	
Secretary's Salary	1,350.00	
Supervisor of Attendance Salary.....	700.00	
Telephone, Printing, Postage, etc.....	1,117.15	
Nurse, Physicians and Health Supplies.....	2,792.35	
Janitors' Salaries	15,971.80	
Fuel	9,080.27	
Light, Water and Misc. Operating Supplies.....	4,619.94	
Text Books and Supplies.....	16,990.19	
Transportation	9,011.10	
Tuition	5,649.73	
Repairs	15,091.42	
Outlay	636.12	
Miscellaneous	2,347.07	
Total		\$330,846.06

RECEIPTS OF THE TOWN ON ACCOUNT OF THE
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Massachusetts School Fund.....	\$ 29,435.00	
State Reimbursement (on Tuition Paid).....	2,728.64	
Tuition (State Wards and Others).....	730.60	
Miscellaneous	187.52	
		<u>33,081.76</u>
Net Cost to Town for Support of Schools.....		\$297,764.30

REPORT OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

We hereby submit the report of the Park Department for the year 1939.

French's Common.

The Common was the center of attraction all summer, and probably broke the record for attendance this past season. Seventy feet additional bleachers were erected, and the old bleachers had to be repaired on account of recent storm damage. A new backstop was put up on one of the tennis courts and ten feet of ameisite was added to both courts at each end. The grounds were kept clean and in good condition all year; leaves were raked up in the fall.

Hollingsworth Park.

This park was in great demand this year. The W. P. A. softball league played here all year; baseball was also played. In the fall, football games were scheduled. The grounds were kept in good condition all year.

Hollis Field.

This field had its usual busy season: baseball, softball, field hockey, soccer, and football. The grounds were kept in good condition. The grass was kept mowed and rocks raked up so that we had the baseball field in good shape. A softball backstop was erected in the right-hand corner of the field so that now we have two backstops which enables us to run two games at the same time without interfering with each other. A new drinking fountain was installed and the refreshment booth repaired ten times during the season. We do need very urgently new bleachers on the field!

Penniman School Field.

This playground was used for the first time in years. Through the efforts of the School Department and the Penniman School Parent-Teachers' Association, this former rock pile has been transformed to a rather good playground. On this field many ball games and other games were played this past summer. A modern baseball backstop and a basketball court were erected.

Adams Street.

Adams St. Playground was kept in good condition all year. This park had second largest attendance of adults and children, according to W. P. A. statistics. A large attendance of adults played tennis, softball, and shuffle board this past year.

Watson Park.

The largest park in the town will start this next summer to have organized play. Construction work has held back active play during the past three years. The new baseball field will be ready to play on or about the first of July. Only tennis was enjoyed at the park this year.

Another new playground was opened up this season at the Penniman School and was well patronized. Braintree Highlands Playground was opened last year and was improved on this past season. Swings were set up and basketball court erected. All the parks had good attendance. The youngsters enjoyed competition in all sports and attended big league baseball games at the end of the season. The Park Board wishes to thank the Selectmen and heads of the different departments for the cooperation and interest shown our Department.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY VINTON, JR., Chairman

CHARLES ABELL, Secretary

ROBERT B. TAYLOR, Clerk

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
Health Department
OF THE
Town of Braintree
FROM
December 31, '38 to December 31, '39

REPORT OF THE BRAINTREE BOARD OF HEALTH

Braintree, Mass., January 15, 1940.

To the Citizens of the Town of Braintree:

The Board of Health hereby submits its report for the year ending December 31, 1939.

In submitting the annual written report of the Board of Health to the citizens of Braintree, we shall try to show what the duties of the Board of Health are and the need of having such a department in a town.

"Every city and town is required by law to have a health department who shall examine into all nuisances, source of filth and cause of sicknesses within its town, shall destroy, remove or prevent the same as the case may require and shall make regulations for the public health and safety relative thereto."

First in importance and of vital interest to a town is the control of contagious diseases. This the health department can do to a certain extent but it must have the cooperation of all the citizens. The citizens must be willing to remove sources of filth wherein disease may originate. They must be willing to report contagious diseases as they occur in their family whether or not they have medical care, they must be willing to observe quarantine rules.

In order to get full reports on contagious diseases we were forced this year to install a new form of doctors school certificates by means of which we are now getting reports of cases not reported otherwise. A record of every case reported is kept in the health office and this is a vital help to parents in future years. Questions may arise as to whether or not a certain child has had a certain disease. If this case was reported the record is in the office and may be verified. Many times the children are kept out of school through quarantine regulations as there is not a record to prove they have had a certain contagious disease.

We placard all houses for Scarlet Fever, Small Pox, Diphtheria and Infantile Paralysis. On account of non-placarding of houses for Measles, Mumps, Chicken Pox, and Whooping Cough maybe some people have become careless in reporting these diseases which may become serious in nature particularly as to ensuing complications. Prompt reporting is essential on these cases as on others to help control the spread.

Through the dental clinic sponsored by the Board of Health under the able management of Mr. Fisher, the superintendent of schools, we feel the general health of the children is greatly benefited. A separate report of the school dental clinic will be in this report. We wish also to give credit to the school department for their health educational programs. Many principles of good health are absorbed by the children who in turn educate their parents, especially as to the value of cleanliness and proper food.

In order to make it possible that no child need have diphtheria we conduct each year a diphtheria clinic in the Abraham Lincoln, Hollis and Noah Torrey Schools for pre-school children from six months of age and school children up to the age of twelve years.

The percentage of children not old enough to go to school, that is, children from six months to five years of age was considerably better this year than heretofore, 206 being immunized in this group, which group is most susceptible to diphtheria. We hope that this group of children will continue to improve its attendance at the clinics to such an extent that all children will have diphtheria immunization before they go to school, thus relieving the schools of the loss of valuable time. We repeat that no child need have diphtheria and no child has had diphtheria in Braintree for five years. This record can only be maintained so long as we immunize a sufficient number of children to keep the immunity rate at its present level or better. Another clinic will be held this spring, dates to be announced.

Your health department asks each year for \$480 for the Tuberculosis Prevention. All history and case records are kept in the health offices as well as monthly reports, made by the Visiting Nurses Association, which organization cooperates with this department in the control of Tuberculosis. Many calls are made by the nurses on active cases not in the hospital, on the border line suspects, and on cases that have been discharged from the hospital as arrested cases. Hospital cases for Norfolk County Hospital are only entered at the hospital on application to the Board of Health, in case the applicant or his or her family is unable to pay for this hospitalization. A careful investigation is made as to the financial conditions before the Board acknowledges responsibility and payment of hospital bill.

The Board of Health does not unqualifiedly recommend that all dogs be inoculated against rabies every year. When, however, the circumstances arise such as to the occurrence of rabies in this town or in the towns adjacent to it, some measures of control are necessary in order to limit the spread of the disease. This contingency did arise this year when rabid dogs were found in Randolph, Milton, and Hingham. A voluntary anti-rabic clinic without any restraining order was held at which 250 dogs were inoculated, this being about one-fifth of the dogs licensed in Braintree this year.

Your Board is required by law to recommend Anti-Rabic Vaccine to all persons bitten by a dog known to have rabies or for a face bite or if bitten by a dog whose identity is unknown, this treatment and anti-rabic vaccine to be paid by your health department. If the dog in the above cases which does the biting is licensed in Braintree a refund is made by Norfolk County for expenses incurred. On the other hand, if the dog is unlicensed the town must pay and collect from the owner of the dog. We hope the same appropriation will be made next year for the protection of the dogs and citizens of Braintree.

The Board of Health cooperated with the State Department of Public Health on the mosquito survey this summer. A number of specimens both of mosquitoes and lava were sent to the State Department for examination. We wish to thank those who volunteered to act as collectors. We hope this survey will be of value and some method of control will be devised by the State for the eradication of these pests which may well become a health menace.

The Board of Health greatly appreciates the action taken this year at town meetings on the Board's article in the warrant for rubbish collections. The town now enjoys monthly collections of rubbish from private residences at no great expense to the town, thus cleaning up one source of filth. The results of this collection already are seen with less promiscuous dumping along the highways and byways. This is surely an aid to good health.

We are constantly trying to keep our ponds and waterways free from pollution and especially the ponds safe for bathing. Upon request,

the Engineering Department of the State Department of Public Health examined the water of Sunset Pond this summer and the Dam to assure us that the water was safe for bathing. The State recommends that for Sunset Pond a drinking fountain should be installed and also toilet facilities, also if bathing is to be allowed at the Dam, toilets and dressing rooms should be provided. Mr. Imbellone, the life guard at Sunset Pond, did a very fine job this summer, not only saving several lives, but by also watching the children who had any skin eruptions. Not one case of impetigo was reported from this pond this year. One spring below the Dam, a shallow well on Common Street near Hedlund Avenue, and a brook which crossed Hedlund Avenue, these places where children and adults were in the habit of drinking were posted as the State claimed that the water was unsafe to drink.

The Monatiquot River should be a source of pride and an asset to the citizens of Braintree. You can make it so. Stop using it for a dumping ground for all kinds of trash and filth.

Whereas the condition has been improved the last few years, much still can be done.

A beautiful parkway could be made along this stream. It has many beautiful spots and it is hoped money will be available some day for this purpose.

Control of nuisances is always a part of the Board of Health's work. This work takes considerable part of their time and patience, involving them in what often proves to be neighborhood quarrels sprinkled with a pinch of spite. By nuisances we mean complaints relating to over-flow of cesspools, privy vaults, sink drains, filthy dumps, and yards, pig pens, poultry yards, stables, dead animals and the like. All complaints should be in writing to be assured of abatement.

The Board of Health cooperates with the Sewer Department in every way possible. If cesspools are a nuisance and a public sewer is available, we insist that property owners enter the sewer. This department issues cesspool permits but only where the sewer is not available.

The Board of Health wishes to welcome the new industries to Braintree, namely the new addition of the Armstrong Cork Company and the Weymouth Art Leather Company. We thank them for their willingness to cooperate with the Health Department by entering the Public Sewer.

All plumbing permits are made out and issued in the Health Office and the Board cooperates with the plumbing inspection to see that plumbing rules and regulations are obeyed.

The Board of Health makes inspection and grants licenses and permits for the following purposes:

Milk licenses for stores and milk dealers as well as pasteurizing plants.

License for Methyl and Wood Alcohol.

License for Slaughtering.

License for Undertakers.

Permits for transportation of offensive material through the streets.

Permits for bottling spring water and non-alcoholic beverages and licenses to manufacture Ice Cream.

Birth and Death records commonly known as Vital Statistics are ably kept by Mr. Woodsum, the Town Clerk, who acts as the Board of Health's agent. Mr. Woodsum also grants burial permits.

A personal inspection by the members of the Board of Health was made of all establishments dispensing meats, provisions, restaurants and cafes where liquors were served and the general condition of above-mentioned places observed. It was deemed necessary that the Board revise and adopt new health and sanitary regulations for restaurants and for establishments where liquors and malt beverages are dispensed in glasses to be consumed on the premises. Copies of these regulations may be obtained at the Health Office. Restaurants and drinking places will be periodically examined to see that health and sanitary regulations are observed.

The stores and markets are inspected regularly as the meat and provision inspector's report will show.

This year \$100 was appropriated for milk testing. The result of this testing will be found in the milk inspector's report.

Many books and magazines of interest pertaining to health and hygiene will be found in the Thayer Public Library. Among the new books purchased this year at the request of the Board of Health were:

"Preventative Medicine and Hygiene" by Melton J. Rosenau.

"Health Education of the Public" by Bauer and Hull.

"202 Household Pests" and a Pocket Medical Dictionary. The citizens of Braintree will find much value in both the Health magazines and Health books in the Thayer Public Library.

The Board of Health has tried to keep within its budget and has done so. We have carefully investigated all claims for aid and hospitalization and have granted this assistance only when proven it was needed.

In a case where a person's settlement was in some other city or town due claim was made for expenses incurred by the Town of Braintree and bills collected. We, on the other hand, must pay for cases, which have a Braintree settlement, but living elsewhere. Their claims only accepted and paid after conclusive evidence has been presented to substantiate this claim. If a person has no legal settlement we have claimed our reimbursement from the State Department of Public Welfare.

We have tried to show by the above written report the nature of the work of the Board of Health. Our efforts in controlling communicable diseases, our effort in trying to keep the town clean and free from filth, our effort to give you better milk and cleaner and safer drinking and eating places. Finally to show the citizens of Braintree a Health Department is a vital department and needs the assistance of the citizens of Braintree to make the town a healthy place in which to live.

Respectively submitted,

DEANE R. WALKER, Chairman

DWIGHT A. CHANDLER, Clerk

JOHN J. ATKINSON

Board of Health.

FREDERICK C. JOHNSON,

Health Officer.

REPORT OF COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

Six hundred and eight-five cases of notifiable diseases were reported as follows:

Anterior Poliomyelitis	1
Chicken Pox	17
Dog Bite	94
German Measles	2
Suppurative Conjunctivitis	4
Pneumonia, Lobar	16
Measles	327
Mumps	7
Scarlet Fever	21
Septic Sore Throat	2
Rabies	0
*Tuberculosis, Pulmonary	105
Tuberculosis, Other Forms	1
Whooping Cough	56
Gonorrhea	15
Syphilis	15
Encephalitis	1
Spinal Meningitis	1
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*Out of 105 cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis listed above, only eleven new cases were actually Braintree cases. All other cases entered Norfolk County Hospital from other cities and towns in Norfolk County, and diagnosed and reported to the Braintree Board of Health.

Out of eleven Braintree cases six were hospitalized at Norfolk County Hospital.

REPORT OF TUBERCULOSIS PREVENTION WORK

January 15, 1940.

To the Board of Health of the Town of Braintree:

Gentlemen:

The Tuberculosis follow-up work was done through the Braintree Visiting Nurse Association working in cooperation with the Health Department. Home visits were made to teach the proper care and precautions necessary, and to give helpful advice or assistance when needed.

The Social Service Board of the nursing association gave generously of their time to transport patients to and from Norfolk County Hospital for their periodic X-Ray and re-examination. The family and other immediate contacts of new patients were also taken for X-Ray and examination. Through these check ups unsuspected cases are often found and treatment given to save that individual's health — thereby preventing the spread of tuberculosis in the community.

Through the sale of Christmas Seals six children were sent to the Norfolk County Preventorium camp last summer. From this fund milk was also given to patients or their children when found needed. Assistance was rendered through the visiting nurses to needy patients in securing the proper clothing for admittance to the hospital.

The nurses and your health agent, Mr. Johnson, have worked together to promote a sound health program for those afflicted and greater protection of the community at large.

Respectfully submitted,

MISS T. JANES FOGERTY, R.N.

Visiting Nurses Association.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL DENTAL CLINIC AS CONDUCTED BY
THE BOARD OF HEALTH UNDER THE DIRECTION AND
SUPERVISION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

January 2, 1940.

During the calendar year of 1939 it was impossible to get time to do any work for the School Dental Clinic in the Highlands and Abraham Lincoln Schools, but during the school year of 1938-1939 work was done in all but one school, namely, the Abraham Lincoln.

The increased appropriation granted in 1939 over that of 1938 made it possible to put in more time, and if the same appropriation is made for 1940, it is hoped that the school year of 1939-1940 may present an opportunity to do work in all of our grade schools during the present school year, which is most desirable.

The clinic is now at the Thomas A. Watson School and will move to the Abraham Lincoln in one or two weeks. When the work at this school is completed the clinic will move to the following schools in the order named, as quickly as the work at the respective schools can be completed:

Penniman, Hollis, Monatiquot, Highlands and Noah Torrey.

With the opening of schools in September Dr. Worthen expressed a desire to drop his work as one of the dentists in the clinic. The work is, nevertheless, still being carried on full time during school hours just as previously, but by only two dentists instead of three.

A study of the tabulated figures with this report shows 2835 operations performed this year, an increase of 296 over the figures for 1938, at a net cost of \$1,790.48, which is \$123.98 more than the net cost for 1938.

I feel that the benefits derived from this clinic are wide reaching, covering as it does all sections of the Town, and the public should wholeheartedly continue to, as liberally as possible, support this work which alleviates and prevents suffering, together with improving the health of children.

Respectfully submitted,

C. EDWARD FISHER,
Superintendent of Schools.

REPORT OF MEAT AND PROVISION INSPECTION

January 12, 1940.

To the Board of Health of the Town of Braintree:

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith my annual report of inspection of markets, bakeries and provision stores for the year 1939, also slaughtering inspections.

Markets, bakeries and provision stores inspected.....139

Hogs, Slaughtering inspection by Charles W. Matthews, Slaughtering
Inspector 89

One Swine condemned.

Stores, as a whole, were clean and meet health rules and regulations. Some stores yet, however, need to take more care of the outside yard in back of store.

Respectfully submitted,

FREDERICK C. JOHNSON,

Meat and Provision Inspector.

REPORT OF THE INSPECTION OF PLUMBING

January 12, 1940.

To the Honorable Board of Health,

Town of Braintree, Massachusetts:

We wish to report that there were 992 plumbing fixtures installed from January 1 to December 31, 1939, at an approximate valuation of \$58,664.00. There were also 58 sewer connections made and tested.

C. W. SULLIVAN,

Appointee in Charge of Plumbing Inspection.

ARTHUR F. SULLIVAN,

Additional Appointee of Plumbing Inspection.

ISRAEL P. WESTON,

Additional Appointee of Plumbing Inspection.

REPORT OF MILK INSPECTION

January 15, 1940.

To the Board of Health of the Town of Braintree:

Gentlemen:

I herewith submit my report as Milk Inspector for the Town of Braintree for the year 1939.

Milk licenses issued to stores and restaurants.....	79
Milk licenses issued to milk dealers.....	25
Oleomargarine licenses issued to stores.....	14
Pasteurization licenses issued.....	1
Ice Cream Manufacturing licenses issued.....	2

Your inspector seized and had analyzed at Steel's Dairy Service Laboratory in West Bridgewater 73 samples of milk. This is the first year we have had milk testing in Braintree and already improvement can be seen in some of the milk delivered in Braintree from the results of this testing. When a sample of milk is analyzed a report is sent to the dealer from whom the sample was taken and if this report is not favorable an improvement is usually seen on the next testing. For milk to be an asset to one's existence it must be of good quality and must be safe from a health point of view.

Due to the fact that every milk dealer was not sampled a sufficient number of times, your milk inspector feels it would not be fair to give the milk dealers delivering milk in Braintree a grading this year. I shall try to obtain more samples in 1940, so a grading can be made for the 1940 year report.

We sampled milk from the following list of dealers in Braintree from April to December, 1939:

H. R. White	Kramers Dairy Farm
Lantry Brothers Co.	Shawsheen Dairy Co.
Sherrick Brothers Walnut Grove Farm	United Farmers
E. M. Dwyer Co.	Whiting Milk Co.
H. Mugurdichian, Blue Hill View Farm	Bay State Dairies
White Brothers Co.	Ridder Farm
Ashland Farms	Charles I. McIntyre
Woodworth Milk & Cream Co. Speedwell	H. P. Hood Sons
C. L. Sullivan Dairy Farm	J. George English
Penns Hill Dairy	A. R. Parker Co.

Any citizen desiring the results obtained from this testing of dealers' milk from any one or all of the above tests will be welcome to obtain this information at the Health Office in the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

FREDERICK C. JOHNSON,

Milk Inspector.

REPORT OF THE ANIMAL INSPECTOR

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

The following is the report of the Animal Inspector of the Town of Braintree:

Cows	93
Bulls	1
Young Cattle	5
Goats	33
Swine	1,086
Sheep	5
Cows inspected (shipped from out of state).....	2
Dog Bit Cases investigated.....	93
Dogs Quarantined	100
Dogs Released	97

Respectfully submitted,
CHARLES W. MATTHEWS,
Animal Inspector.

TREE WARDEN'S REPORT—YEAR 1939

To the Citizens of the Town of Braintree, Mass.

In his official capacity, your Tree Warden was named as the Town's agent in charge of a great amount of work to be done repairing hurricane damaged trees, during the past year and the few months of 1938 following the hurricane.

The damage to the trees by the hurricane was so tremendous that a W.P.A. project was immediately submitted and promptly approved, providing for the necessary emergency work. This work was carried on at all times with the full knowledge and consent of the W.P.A. agents who were charged with the duty of overseeing the work. It was carried on along the highways and waterways of the Town, including the care of certain trees on or immediately adjacent to the highway boundary line. A strict interpretation of the W.P.A. regulations has led to raising the question as to whether Federal funds could be spent without a more exact regard for that boundary line.

Whichever way that question is ultimately decided, on a careful review of the work which was done under emergency requirements, the fact remains that your Tree Warden carried out the work which he felt was expected of him; the Town and its citizens derived the benefit from the work performed; and rumor to the contrary notwithstanding, no charges have been made against the Tree Warden of any impropriety in his conduct of this project.

Of the Three Hundred Dollars appropriated for the expense of the department, only One Hundred Eighty-seven Dollars and Twenty-five Cents were expended. This was for emergency work removing dangerous trees, limbs and doing surgery work on the following streets: Presidents Rd., School, Staten Rd., Washington, Hollis Ave., Towne, Arborway Drive, Sterling, Wellington, Central, Elm, Lemoyne, Tremont and Commercial. This work was done while the W.P.A. project was held in abeyance and required immediate attention. In turning back a good portion of the appropriation, I have followed the Town's policy of economy.

Respectfully yours,

CLARENCE R. BESTICK,

Tree Warden.

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
Fire Department
OF THE
Town of Braintree
FOR THE YEAR 1939

REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:
Gentlemen:

I respectfully submit to you the annual report of the Fire Department of the fiscal year ending December 31, 1939.

Total number of calls during the year—568, divided as follows:

Box Alarms	Month	Still Alarms
8	January	28
4	February	18
2	March	33
9	April	75
2	May	55
1	June	19
16	July	52
3	August	33
3	September	23
5	October	44
5	November	69
6	December	55
64	Total	504

TOTAL CALLS IN EACH PRECINCT

Month	Precinct One	Precinct Two	Precinct Three	Out of Town
January	18	6	12	
February	12	7	3	
March	12	10	13	
April	29	22	33	
May	19	20	18	
June	7	3	10	
July	21	20	26	1
August	16	12	8	
September	10	7	9	
October	12	15	22	
November	30	26	18	
December	22	20	19	
Total	208	168	191	1

TOTAL CALLS THAT EACH PIECE ANSWERED

Month	Chief's Car	Engine No. 1	Engine No. 3	Ladder No. 1	Squad A	Squad B
January	34	7	9	16	23	33
February	21	3	6	11	10	16
March	28	2	8	6	17	28
April	68	8	11	12	38	68
May	51	7	1	7	21	48
June	17	3	0	1	9	15
July	56	12	6	16	32	52
August	32	2	4	6	9	25
September	23	2	2	5	11	18
October	41	8	3	11	23	31
November	67	5	7	9	28	62
December	57	6	7	15	29	38
Total	495	65	64	115	250	434

Month	Hose Laid (Feet) (2 ½)	(1 ½)	Booster Used (Gals.)	Ladders Used (Feet)	Engines Pumped Water (Hrs.) (Mins.)
January	2250	300	1320	200	2 5
February	1250		840	50	1 35
March			2075	25	3 10
April	2050	1700	5255	65	10
May	600	4350	6045	40	9 15
June			2635	30	3 20
July	2250	1700	4630	215	6 30
August	1050	2000	3390		5
September	1650	2200	2620	10	2 45
October	1650	3150	4530	144	6 15
November	3950	3800	6405	200	9 25
December	800		3550	230	5 55
Total	17500	19200	43295	1209	65 15

Month	Valuation of Buildings	Insurance on Buildings	Damage to Buildings	Insurance Paid on Buildings
January	\$81,000.00	\$77,200.00	\$2,884.24	\$2,884.24
February	79,850.00	76,750.00	4,204.41	2,994.41
March	30,100.00	29,000.00	105.00	100.00
April	52,525.00	46,500.00	10,751.00	10,726.00
May	30,600.00	28,000.00	185.00	185.00
June	26,800.00	20,700.00	84.25	84.25
July	44,400.00	36,500.00	2,535.00	2,515.00
August	17,200.00	16,000.00	500.75	500.75
September	18,000.00	12,750.00	849.68	849.68
October	146,250.00	137,200.00	1,120.50	1,120.50
November	51,850.00	48,350.00	555.00	355.00
December	23,340.00	18,840.00	1,537.00	1,537.00
Total	\$601,915.00	\$547,790.00	\$25,311.83	\$24,851.83

Month	Valuation of Contents	Insurance on Contents	Damage to Contents	Insurance Paid on Contents
January	\$22,900.00	\$15,450.00	\$3,540.75	\$3,020.75
February	59,100.00	57,600.00	2,623.50	2,623.50
March	9,500.00	8,000.00	95.00	95.00
April	18,694.94	17,194.94	3,825.19	3,825.19
May	11,000.00	11,000.00	325.00	325.00
June	1,500.00	1,000.00		
July	58,000.00	56,500.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
August	4,500.00	4,000.00	148.26	148.26
September	23,000.00			
October	127,000.00	120,000.00	6,399.29	6,399.29
November	16,000.00	14,500.00	310.00	310.00
December	7,200.00	4,700.00	135.00	135.00
Total	\$358,394.94	\$309,944.94	\$19,401.99	\$18,881.99

PERMITS GRANTED DURING THE YEAR

Inspected and granted for range oil burners.....	130
Inspected and granted for heating apparatus burners.....	198
Inspected and granted for fireworks.....	13
Granted to set fires in open air.....	367
Total	708

RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE STORAGE
OF LIGHT FUEL OIL FOR RANGE BURNERS
IN THE TOWN OF BRAINTREE

1. Not more than 10 gallons of light fuel oil shall be stored in any building or structure, unless, in a 16 gauge galvanized steel tank, labeled and approved.
2. Storage tanks for light fuel oil which are not directly connected to an oil burner shall be equipped with an approved faucet of the self-closing and lock type.
3. Tanks within building or other structure for the storage and keeping of light fuel oil in excess of 10 gallons shall be installed on or below the lowest floor of the building or structure.
4. No storage tank shall be nearer than 7 feet from any open fire or flame
5. All necessary support for tanks shall be of substantial masonry or metal construction.
6. No light fuel oil tank shall be equipped with a glass gauge or any gauge, the breaking of which shall allow the oil to escape from the tank.
7. A bucket of sand and a scoop shall be kept with each light fuel oil burner located in a position accessible for use.
8. In excess of 10 gallons an application for a permit must be filed and a permit must be obtained from the Chief of the Fire Department for the keeping and storage of light fuel oil in any building or structure.

STATE LAW

A State Law was enacted regulating the passage of Fire Apparatus responding to fires. The law requires the driver of a vehicle to drive to the right hand curb and stop until the apparatus has passed. To remain at a distance of (300) feet behind apparatus and restricting the parking of a vehicle within (600) feet of a fire.

In conclusion: I wish to extend my thanks to the Honorable Board of Selectmen, to the members of the Finance Committee, and to the Police Department for their co-operation and interest in the welfare of the Department.

To all others that have volunteered their services or assisted the Department in any manner, The officers and members of the Department have my commendation and sincere thanks for the efficient and faithful manner in which they have performed their duties.

Respectfully submitted,

FRED A. TENNEY,

Chief of Fire Department.

REPORT OF THE FIRE ALARM DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

I respectfully submit to you the annual report of the Fire Alarm System for the year 1939.

The Fire Department has the supervision of the installation, repairs, equipment and maintenance of the Fire Alarm Signal System.

WORK DONE DURING THE YEAR

Painted all fire alarm boxes and bands.

Replaced all poor bands on poles.

Put new back boards on fire alarm boxes where needed.

Checked all circuits daily and cleared the same of grounds.

Inspected and tested all fire alarm boxes monthly and after a severe storm.

Weekly box test at noon on Saturdays.

Renewed 238 cross arms.

Installed 2 six inch gongs.

Renewed 18,000 feet of line wire.

There were 2 open circuits during the year caused by falling trees and wires.

Installed a Master fire alarm box No. 321 at the corner of Cleveland and Harrison Avenues connected to the sprinkler system in the Penniman School.

Installed 3 new fire alarm boxes at new locations:

No. 124. Beechwood Road Extension.

No. 152. Brewster Avenue.

No. 322. Corner of Marshall and Miller Streets.

Installed 154 cross arms and ran 33,000 feet of line wire for Mutual Aid with Holbrook and Braintree.

Installed 2 registers and 2 six inch gongs for Mutual Aid.

Mutual Aid between Braintree and Holbrook is now in service.

Holbrook Engine No. 1 to Braintree on first alarm:

Boxes 53-54-151-152-531.

Coverage on second alarm:

Holbrook Engine No. 1 to Central Station.

Braintree Engine No. 1 to Holbrook on first alarm:

Box 71.

Coverage on second alarm:

Braintree Engine No. 1 to scene of fire.

In conclusion: I wish to extend my sincere thanks to our Tree Warden for the valuable assistance rendered in allowing us to trim trees through which Fire Alarm wires pass, to the New England Telephone & Telegraph Company and to the Braintree Electric Light Department for their co-operation and assistance rendered.

Respectfully submitted,

FRED A. TENNEY,

Superintendent of Fire Alarm.

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
Police Department
OF THE
Town of Braintree
FOR THE YEAR 1939

BRAINTREE POLICE DEPARTMENT

January 1, 1940.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

I herewith submit my report of the activities of the Police Department for the year ending December 31, 1939:

Whole Number of Arrests.....373

Male	370
Female	3
Residents	224
Non-Residents	149

No. 1. CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS20

Offences	Male	Female	Resi.	Non-Resi.	Total
Assault and Battery.....	8	—	8	—	8
Assault—Intent to Kill	2	—	1	1	2
Assault—Dangerous Weapon .	1	—	1	—	1
Rape	7	—	4	3	7
Robbery	2	—	2	—	2
	20	—	16	4	20

No. 2. CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY40

Arson	2	—	2	—	2
Breaking and Entering.....	10	—	1	9	10
Larceny and Attempts.....	15	2	3	14	17
Larceny Automobile	5	—	3	2	5
Receiving Stolen Goods.....	2	—	2	—	2
Viol. Ch. 265—Sec. 2.....	3	—	—	3	3
Using M.V. w/o Authority....	1	—	1	—	1
	38	2	12	28	40

No. 3. CRIMES AGAINST PUBLIC ORDER.....313

Offences	Non-				Total
	Male	Female	Resi.	Resi.	
Delinquency	14	—	12	2	14
Dog Keeping, Unlicensed.....	2	—	2	—	2
Driving to Endanger.....	2	—	1	1	2
Driving Under Influence.....	14	—	7	7	14
Drunkenness	221	1	144	78	222
False Alarm of Fire.....	3	—	3	—	3
Idle and Disorderly.....	1	—	1	—	1
Illegitimate Child Act, Viol....	2	—	1	1	2
Indecent Exposure	1	—	—	1	1
Lewdness	2	—	—	2	2
Lottery Laws, Viol.....	1	—	1	—	1
Motor Vehicle Laws, Viol.....	26	—	10	16	26
Neglect, Desertion — Non-Sup- port	10	—	6	4	10
Non-Payment Wages	1	—	—	1	1
Tramps, Vagrants	2	—	1	1	2
Probation, Viol., Defaults....	8	—	7	1	8
Health Laws, Viol.....	1	—	1	—	1
Possessing Obscene Literature.	1	—	—	1	1
	312	1	197	116	313

RECAPITULATION:

No. 1. Crimes Against Person.....	20
No. 2. Crimes Against Property.....	40
No. 3. Crimes Against Public Order, Etc.....	313
Total	373

COMPLAINTS, ETC.

Ambulance Trips	252
Buildings Found Open.....	185
Cat Complaints	145
Dog Complaints	501
Drunk Releases	144
Fire Alarms Answered	93
Holes in Streets Reported.....	59
Insane Cases—MR	9
—FR	5
—MNR	3
Lanterns Put Out.....	5
Lodging Given	26
Messages Delivered	240

Missing Persons—MR	50
—FR	23
—MNR	14
—FNR	1
Stolen Cars Reported—Braintree	6
Stolen Cars Recovered	9
Street Lights Reported Out	64
Sudden Deaths—MR	5
—MNR	5
Sunday Permits—Labor	56
Wagon Trips	90
Miscellaneous Complaints	1929
Subpoenas Served—Braintree	21
—Out of Town	4
Summonses Served—Braintree	36
—Out of Town	208
Accidents: Minor	105
Serious	77
Fatal	3
Inhalator Cases	17

Code: Auto Accidents:

Minor: Property damage only.

Serious: Injuries received—however slight.

Fatal: Death occurs.

Code: Missing Persons, Insane, Sudden Deaths:

MR—Male Resident.

FR—Female Resident.

MNR—Male Non-Resident.

FNR—Female Non-Resident.

For the year 1940 I have recommended the purchase of two new Police cars. Also the purchase of two new Motorcycles to replace the 1932 Harley-Davidson and the 1937 Indian.

I wish to extend my sincere thanks to the Honorable Board of Selectmen, the Finance Committee and all who have co-operated with my Department during the past year.

Respectfully,

JOHN J. HEANEY,

Chief.

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
Highway Department
OF THE
Town of Braintree
FROM
December 31, '38 to December 31, '39

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE HIGHWAY DEPT. FOR 1939

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

All work that was allocated to the Highway Department for construction at the annual Town Meeting in March, has been faithfully executed to the best of our ability and with the least possible expenditure of the Taxpayers' money. Maintenance of our streets has been taken care of for the year, on streets which we felt needed attention.

General Maintenance costs will undoubtedly be on the increase each year rather than on the decrease. Each year the Town votes to accept new streets, install new drains, catch basins, manholes etc., which all adds up to increased maintenance. In the last two years the Highway Department has constructed under WPA alone: 8600 feet of new streets, 5691 feet of drainage, 45 catch basins and 12 manholes, not to mention drains and catch basins installed by the Highway Department. We also had the additional maintenance of 3.3 miles of WPA Roadways accepted by the Town in 1938.

New Construction by the Highway Department this year consisted of the following:

Removal of Car Tracks on Elm-Railroad & River Streets. This project was started in 1938, the money being allocated from the 1938 Gasoline Tax Refund Allotment from the State to the Town of Braintree.

Resurfaced a portion of Elm St. known as Drinkwater's Hill.

Installing curbing around Traffic Circle on Church St.

Resurfacing Traffic Circle & Church St.

Braintree Sq. Drain—520' 12" pipe, 1 catch basin, 3 manholes.

Mill Lane Drain—370' 10" pipe, 2 catch basins, 1 manhole.

Hancock St.—900' Asphalt Sidewalk.

Wildwood Ave. Highlands—1335' Asphalt Sidewalk.

Liberty Park Ave.—250' Asphalt Sidewalk.

The following Sidewalks were improved with the aid of Welfare Labor:

Division St.—Gravel & Tarvia.

Smith St.—Gravel & Tarvia.

Stetson St.—Tarvia—between Brookside Rd. & Bellevue Rd.

Bellevue Rd.—Stone Dust.

Hawthorne Rd.—Stone Dust.

Cedar St.—Stone Dust.

W.P.A.

During the Winter of 1938 the W.P.A. under the supervision of the Highway Department were working on a project proposal known as Sponsor's Proposal No. 104-W which included B. V. French St., Sheppard Rd., Rose Ave., Oregon Ave., Arthur St., Veranda Rd. and Grove St. This project continued until about June 1st, 1939 with B. V. French St., Sheppard Rd. and Rose Ave. being completed; at which time the W.P.A. officials decided that Braintree was working on private ways without a proper vote of acceptance by the Townspeople or Town Meeting. Therefore work was discontinued until our Town Counsel could, after much red tape, and repeatedly trying to satisfy the W.P.A. officials from Washington to Boston to Brockton, we were finally permitted after acquiring releases from all property owners on each street within the project, to continue with W.P.A. street construction. This work was resumed on Nov. 1st, 1939, on Oregon Ave. which at the present time is passable but will have to be completed in the Spring. Work has also been started on Arthur St. and Veranda Rd. With a fairly open Winter we are anticipating getting the drainage in Ellsworth St., Wynot Rd. and Faulkner Place, with assurance that these streets will be completed in the Spring of 1940; which leaves the streets that were assigned to the Highway at the Annual Town Meeting of 1939 to be completed during the Summer and Fall of 1940, namely:

Putnam Ave., Perry Rd., Spencer St., Hayward St., Glenrose Ave., Wayne Ave., Atlas Rd. and Newport Ave. This proposal is No. 127-W and has been approved by the Federal Authorities. The releases have been or will be assured by the time the department is ready to construct.

At the present time there are about 100 men employed on drains, streets, curbs and roadside beautification under the supervision of the Highway Dept.

The following work was completed by the W.P.A. in 1939:

STREETS

	Lin. Ft.
Sheppard Rd.	1,120
B. V. French St.	730
Rose Ave.	600

CURBS

	Lin. Ft.
Monatiquot Ave.	524.2
Oak St.	674.6
Hollis Ave.—West	755.2
President Rd.	524.2
Ash St.	790.
Quincy Ave. Improvement	267.

SIDEWALKS

	Lin. Ft.
Monatiquot Ave.	1,294.
Oak St.	776.6
Hollis Ave.—West	864.8
Hollis Ave.—East (base only)	416.
President Rd. (sub-graded only)	633.1
Quincy Ave. (topped)	1,278.
Quincy Ave. Improvement (also 30 CY of wall erected)	254.
Allen St. (also 680 ft. of wall capped)	1,031.
Columbus Ave.	621.
Hunt Ave.	596.

DRAINS

	Lin. Ft.
Fogg's—289 ft. relaid—3 Manholes.....	608.
Shaw St.—6 Catch Basins.....	477.
Stetson St.—13 Catch Basins—2 Manholes—75 ft. relaid....	1,300.
Commercial St. (Penn's Hill)—6 Catch Basins—8 ft. relaid..	575.
Middle St.—4 Catch Basins.....	234.
Cedar St.—laid to 12/26/39.....	408.
Rose Ave.—5 Catch Basins—2 Manholes.....	400.
Sheppard Rd.—flushed, repaired, relaid—6 Catch Basins, 2 Manholes	500.

RUBBISH COLLECTION

Rubbish has been collected each month since May and will be continued through January, February and March, at which time the Town will have to decide whether or not they desire to continue with the monthly collections. Inasmuch as we do not know just how much the collections will cost during the Winter months, I have asked the Finance Committee, the privilege of changing my estimate at Town Meeting. I would like to suggest that more people would acquaint themselves with the rules and regulations governing the collection of rubbish which read as follows:

"Collections will be made in all Precincts of the Town of Braintree, starting at 8:00 A.M. the first Monday of every month. In the event that the first Monday should fall on a holiday, the usual collection will start on the following day.

"All rubbish must be placed in suitable standard ash or rubbish barrels.

"Rubbish must be placed on the curb line or property line of the public way or private way.

"The Department cannot, and will not, enter upon private property to make collections.

"Rubbish must be set out for collection before the time designated for the collection.

"No collections will be made out of order, or on a special call."

Large oil barrels filled with stones and broken bottles are much too heavy to be handled by two men, from the ground up on to a large truck. Our laborers are willing to do their work, but just cannot accomplish the impossible. So please try and abide by the rules and regulations, and we will try to do our bit.

Listed below is the cost of collections per month for the eight months starting May 1st, 1939 through Dec. 4th, 1939:

May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
169.18	256.25	229.09	188.73	187.48	188.13	240.36	245.29

NEW EQUIPMENT

In 1939 the Town appropriated money for a new heavy duty truck, which was appreciated very much.

The Selectmen purchased a new Model BM Heavy Duty Mack which has proven very satisfactory.

However this is the first truck purchased for the Highway Dept. since 1934, at which time two 3½ ton Whites were purchased. These trucks being the so called new trucks are six years old.

It is my contention that the Town should purchase a new truck each year for the next five years, at which time our 1934 trucks will be eleven years old and will also have to be replaced.

At the present time we have trucks listed as follows:

2	1927	5	Ton Whites	13	Years old	} used only on W.P.A. and light work
1	1931	3½	Ton Sterling	9	Years old	
2	1934	3½	Ton Whites	6	Years old	
1	1934	1½	Ton Ford	6	Years old	
1	1931	¾	Ton Sterling	9	Years old	
1	1929		Gen. Motors	11	Years old	used for compressor
1	1939		BM Mack	1	Year old	

Our 1934—1½ Ton Ford should be replaced this year.

Please refer to the Town Accountant's Statement for expenditures of the Highway Department.

In conclusion, I extend my thanks to the Selectmen for their co-operation; to my assistant and to the workmen for their loyalty and hard work.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN Q. WENTWORTH,

Supt. of Highways.

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
Planning Board
OF THE
Town of Braintree
FROM
December 31, '38 to December 31, '39

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD FOR 1939

To the Citizens of Braintree:

In order that there may be a clear conception as to just what a Planning Board is, we are incorporating in this report a copy of the statute governing the creation and duties of this board.

CHAPTER 41—GENERAL LAWS:

SECTION 70—Every city and every town having a population of more than ten thousand at the last preceding national or state census shall, and towns having a population of less than ten thousand, may create a planning board, which shall make careful studies of the resources, possibilities and needs of the town, particularly with respect to conditions injurious to the public health or otherwise in and about rented dwellings, and make plans for the development of the municipality, with special reference to proper housing of its inhabitants. In cities the said board shall be appointed by the mayor, subject to confirmation by the council, and in towns shall be elected at the annual town meeting.

SECTION 71—Every planning board shall make a report annually to the city council or to the annual town meeting, giving information regarding the condition of the town and any plans or proposals for its development and estimates of the cost thereof. Every such planning board shall file with the department of public welfare a copy of each report made by it.

SECTION 72—Cities and towns may make ordinances and by-laws for carrying out the purposes of section seventy, and they may appropriate money therefor. The planning board of a town may be authorized by vote of the town to act as park commissioners therein, and may be vested with all the powers and duties of park commissioners in towns.

NEW PLANNING BOARD MAP

During the past year we have completed a new Planning Board Map of the Town of Braintree. This map shows all streets, street names, public and semi-public buildings, residences, natural waters and ten foot contours. It is drawn on tracing cloth at a scale of 1" = 600' and is about 44" x 56" in size. This map has already proved to be of considerable value to several town departments, and will be used by the Planning Board as a base plan for future studies.

STUDY OF TAX TITLE PROPERTY

We have also made during the past year, a study of the lands held by the Town through foreclosure of Tax Titles, in order to ascertain whether any of them could be put to any civic use.

In order to make this study we had all Town owned properties plotted on a copy of the new Planning Board Map. The properties controlled by the various Town Departments are shown in separate colors and the properties owned by the Town through foreclosure of Tax Titles are shown in red and each parcel numbered. An index of these parcels was made and from the number given on the map one may find the assessors number, area and assessed valuation of any parcel shown.

We found that there were as of January 1, 1939, 472 parcels containing in the aggregate an area of 350 acres and an assessed valuation of \$162,430.00 representing on the basis of the 1939 tax rate a possible income of \$5,912.45 a year to the Town.

It is very desirable therefore that most of this property be put back into private ownership as soon as possible in order that the Town may not be deprived of this income. With the exception of some parcels which are to be withheld by the Town for civic use, this land is for sale by the Selectmen.

Many of these parcels are fairly good building lots, some on surfaced streets. There are a few accessible wood lots. Some of the parcels are of special value to the persons owning abutting property who many times are unaware that the Town has them for sale. There are, however, many parcels of no apparent value which constitute a problem which we will discuss later in this report.

Anyone desirous of buying land in Braintree may find it advantageous to look into these properties. The procedure is as follows:—consult our map at the Town Engineer's Office in the Town Hall, find possibly, a house lot or woodland lot in a desirable location, get all the pertinent data by reference to our index, then view the actual premises and if interested in buying apply to the Selectmen for the purchase of the parcel. The Selectmen then would advertise a public auction and the lot or parcel would be sold to the highest bidder, provided that this amount is not less than the amount of taxes, interest and costs outstanding on the lot or parcel.

As a result of our study we are recommending to the Selectmen that some of these parcels be kept by the Town for civic use.

On Faxon Street, East Braintree, a four acre parcel should be retained for park purposes. This parcel is particularly well adapted for use as a safe skating rink as it may be flooded very easily. During the summer it would make a very fine neighborhood park, and would increase the value of surrounding property.

Several parcels near Great Pond should be transferred to the Water Department in order to further protect the reservoir, also for possible future use as sites for additional source of water supply.

The many parcels lying in Cedar Swamp just south of Plain Street should be investigated as to their possible use for a town dumping ground.

Lots abutting on Gordon Road near Watson Park should be retained for Park purposes. They are at present of very low value, and if retained by the Town now would serve to enlarge the park at very small cost.

Some of the subdivisions which contain very small lots and poorly aligned streets now in possession of the Town should be replotted in larger lots and a better layout of streets before being sold, particularly the tract of land lying on the east side of Washington Street near the Braintree Highlands Station.

Building lots owned through Tax Title Foreclosure in Harbor Villa, Bower Road and various other sections should be cleared of brush and cleaned up. They should also be posted with "For Sale" signs in order that prospective buyers may view them.

We also suggest that consideration be given to putting some restrictions in the deeds in order to prevent undesirable development or use of the lots.

Some cities have required, where the lots were sold far below the assessed value, some additional consideration, for example an agreement to build upon the lot within a specified time. This was considered in Buffalo, New York, to avoid possible legal complications in the assessment of adjoining properties.

As to the lots of no apparent value mentioned earlier, we find that these lots should remain in the hands of the Town. To sell these lots for very low prices would result only in their eventual return to the tax title list. We have viewed some of them and find them to be either inaccessible swamp parcels or else wood lots covered with nondescript small growth. We recommend in the case of less desirable wood lots that they be given over to forestry uses and planted with pine or some timber which eventually will have value. The large tracts on which all the timber has been cut should especially be subject to this reforestation. We have particular reference to the large tract lying north of Grove Street and adjacent to the Braintree Guards Rifle Club.

We are glad to report that the Town Officials having control of these properties have handled the matter very fairly and conscientiously and were cooperative in furnishing us with information.

MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITIES

PARKING AREAS

We have held two joint meetings with the Weymouth Planning Board during the year and discussed with them the parking and traffic problems in Weymouth Landing. Plans were drawn up by both Weymouth and Braintree Town Engineers for improvement of the new parking area, which has been developed through the efforts of the merchants.

NEW FIRE STATION

We have furnished the Fire Department with plans and cost estimates for a new East Braintree Fire Station. We have recommended in our reports of past years that a new station should be located in this section in a more suitable location than the present site when conditions permitted.

TRAFFIC

The State Traffic Engineer has furnished the Town with a report of Traffic Conditions in Braintree and suggested improvements for abating most of the hazards now existing. The Selectmen have acted promptly on these recommendations and have installed many of the corrective devices recommended.

ZONING

Zoning activity has been started during the year and the Planning Board is represented by two of its members on the Committee appointed to study Zoning. This committee will report at the 1940 Town Meeting. It is hoped that the Town will adopt zoning in the near future as the Planning Board has urged in past reports.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Business connections have kept Joseph Parker out of the State to such an extent that he deemed it inadvisable to run for re-election at the last town election.

The Planning Board wishes to take this occasion to acknowledge its appreciation for the cooperation received from Mr. Parker during the long period he served on the Board, both as member and chairman.

The Planning Board wishes to take this opportunity to thank its ex-officio member, Mr. John J. Drinkwater, Jr., Town Engineer, for the splendid cooperation which he has extended at all times. He has very kindly permitted the Board to enjoy the facilities of his offices in the Town Hall and has been helpful in other ways.

INVITATION

As in former years, the Board desires to extend an invitation to all interested citizens to offer suggestions concerning desirable and needed improvements in our town to any of its members.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD J. ROSE, Chairman,
JAMES F. BRITTAIN, Secretary,
JOHN F. CLINTON,
FRANK L. HEANEY,
HOWARD J. WILLIAMS,
JOHN J. DRINKWATER, Town Engineer.

REPORT OF TOWN ENGINEER

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith the tenth annual report of the Engineering Department for the year ending December 31, 1939.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Lines and grades have been furnished for the following:

Road Construction—W.P.A.

Arthur Street—from Gordon Road to Edgehill Road
 Arthur Street—from Arborway Drive to Audubon Avenue
 Bradley Road—from Cleveland Avenue 470 feet
 Carter Road—from Pond Street 450 feet
 Ellsworth Street—from West Street to Mt. Vernon Street
 Faulkner Place—from Washington Street 720 feet
 Oregon Avenue—from Cedar Avenue 540 feet south
 Rose Avenue—from Pond Street to Fairview Avenue
 Spencer Street—from Arborway Drive to Trefton Drive
 Veranda Road—from Marietta Avenue 200 feet west

Drains—W.P.A.

Arthur Street—90 feet
 Cedar Street—545 feet
 Commercial Street—585 feet
 Ellsworth Street—520 feet
 Faulkner Place—230 feet
 Middle Street—191 feet
 River Street—490 feet
 Rose Avenue—425 feet
 Shaw Street—370 feet
 Stetson Street—1415 feet
 Wynot Road—496 feet

Sidewalks—W.P.A.

Hollis Avenue—from Oak Street 400 feet east
 Monatiquot Avenue—from Oak Street 500 feet east
 Quincy Avenue—from Edgehill Road to Arborway Drive

Curbing—W.P.A.

Ash St.—from West St. to Hollis Ave.—west side
 Ash St.—from West St. to Monatiquot Ave.—east side
 Hollis Ave.—from Oak St. to Walnut St.—north side
 Lemoyne St.—from River St. to Morrison St.—east side
 Monatiquot Ave.—from Oak St. to Walnut St.—north side
 Oak St.—from West St. to Hollis Ave.—west side

President Rd.—from School St. to Washington St.—east and north sides

River St.—from Middle St. to Arnold St.—north side

Road Construction—General

Elm Street—from Drinkwater Avenue 500 feet west

Railroad Street—from Elm Street to River Street

River Street—from Washington Street to Railroad Street

Talbot Road—from end of layout 150 feet south

Trefton Drive—from Vinedale Road 350 feet west

Drains—General

Division Street—from No. 30—135 feet south

Corner Liberty Street and Plain Street—185 feet

Mill Lane—from Shaw Street—430 feet

From No. 369 Washington St.—515 feet west

Sidewalks—General

Commercial St.—from Adams St. to Elm St.—west side

Elm St.—from Commercial St. to No. 503 Elm St.—south side

Hancock St.—Washington St. to 100 feet south of Frederick Rd.—west side

Liberty Park Ave.—from Wildwood Ave. to Liberty St.—west side

Railroad St.—from Elm St. to River St.—west side

River St.—from Railroad Crossing to Washington St.—south side

Washington St.—from Hollis Ave. to Maple St.—west side

Wildwood Ave.—from Highlands School to Liberty Park Ave.—north side

Curbing—General

Corner Liberty Street and Division Street

Corner Park Street and Lowell Street

Gutter Grades—General

Azel Road—opp. No. 35—100 feet—east side

Middle St.—from Arnold St. to Whittier St.—north side

Pleasant View Ave.—from Quincy Ave. 125 feet east—north and south sides

Tremont St.—opp. Dearing Park—120 feet—west side

West Street—opp. Episcopal Church—100 feet

Lines and grades were given property owners upon request.

WATER DEPARTMENT

Lines and grade for drain.

Lines and grade for riprap.

Survey of land taking off Oak Street, Randolph.

PARK DEPARTMENT

Hollis Field

Layout of football field.

Layout of baseball field.

Hollingsworth Park

Lines and grades for baseball field.

Watson Park

Lines and grades for baseball field.

ASSESSORS

All deeds and subdivisions have been checked and plotted on plans accordingly.

One hundred fifty-two new buildings and additions have been located and plotted on plans.

ELECTRIC LIGHT DEPARTMENT

Eighty pole locations have been staked out to be set.

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Lines for fence—High School.

Lines for fence—Jonas Perkins School.

Lines and grades for sidewalk opp. Lincoln School.

Survey of north line Braintree Highlands School lot.

PLAIN STREET CEMETERY

Lines and grades have been furnished for wall on the west side, east side, and south side.

I wish at this time to extend my appreciation for the co-operation I have received from the Selectmen and all Town Departments.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN J. DRINKWATER,

Town Engineer.

REPORT OF BUILDING INSPECTOR

January 8, 1940.

Honorable Board of Selectmen
Braintree, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

I herewith submit the report of the Building Department for the year 1939:

Permits Issued		Estimated Values
Dwellings	67	\$255,905.00
Garages	59	18,740.00
Poultry Houses	7	500.00
Alterations & Repairs	81	46,944.00
Damage by fire	4	5,900.00
Razing	7	
Factories	7	167,000.00
Greenhouses	2	800.00
Offices & Stores	6	8,825.00
Churches	2	9,285.00
Theatre	1	4,300.00
Boat House	1	600.00
Barn	1	1,200.00
Estimated value of permits		\$519,999.00
Fees received for permits		571.00
Total permits issued		245

Respectfully submitted,
ALFRED H. HOLBROOK,
Building Inspector.

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

(Report of Supervisor)

From the time that the Old Age Assistance Law went into effect in 1932, the number of persons assisted has shown a substantial increase each year. Increased appropriations by the cities and towns have been necessary to meet the additional costs.

The table of figures below presents the Old Age Assistance picture in Braintree for the past five years—with one notable exception, namely—that the actual cost to Braintree is not the amount appropriated by the Town, but only a little more than one-third of that amount—because we must appropriate each year enough to cover the State's portion of the cost, which is almost twice as great as the Town's share. The State pays us back during the latter part of the following year.

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE ESTIMATE, APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

Year	Cases	Estimate	Appropriated	Expended	Savings or Overdrafts
1935		\$39,880	\$38,000	\$44,033	\$ 5,033 overdraft
1936	137	47,000	45,000	49,000	5,000 overdraft
1937	235	54,000	47,545	59,418	12,073 overdraft
1938	261	71,358	72,500	67,193	5,306 not spent
1939	302	78,800	83,306	71,153	12,153 not spent

The significant thing about the above table is that during the past two years the sums of \$5,306 and \$12,153 were unspent and returned to the Town, whereas during the previous three years there were large overdrafts. Of the appropriations for office and auto expense \$125 was unspent and returned to the Town.

While the number of Old Age Assistance recipients has shown a comparatively large increase each year, there is an encouraging note in the fact that there was an increase of but twenty in 1939, against an increase of forty-one cases in 1938. Since June, 1939, however, there has been a net increase of but one case, which indicates that Old Age Assistance is nearing a maximum. In January of this year there were six new cases and four closed, a net gain of two cases.

It should be realized in consideration of the Old Age Assistance figures presented, that thirty additional cases a year means the additional expenditure of over \$12,000 a year and the Town must appropriate about \$8,000 of this amount to cover its share and the State's share.

From now on, the pensions, granted to persons over sixty-five years of age under the provision of the Social Security Act, are going to help somewhat in reducing Old Age Assistance costs, and the fact that the Federal government will now pay half the cost up to \$40, as against half the cost up to \$30 monthly, will still further reduce the cost to the Town. Both of these factors became operative on January 1, 1940.

Contrary to conditions in years previous to 1938, this department has paid all its bills to other cities and towns and has collected over \$9200—all monies due from cities and towns with the exception of two accounts totaling but \$180. The larger part of this \$180 has been placed in the hands of the Town Counsel for collection.

Every consideration has been given to applicants and recipients of Old Age Assistance in Braintree, and it has been the aim of this Department to do everything possible within the bounds of reason to provide for the comfort, health and peace of mind of those who need assistance in their later years.

There are some, a small minority, who ask for and expect more than can be given them under the rules of the State department. There is also a tendency on the part of children of applicants to expect to be relieved of financial responsibility for their parents, even when they are well able to contribute in some measure to the support of fathers and mothers who have done much for them.

Through the cooperation of local physicians, the medical costs in Braintree have been reduced and this cooperation is much appreciated, but these costs are still higher than they should be.

We can also report that there has been the utmost cooperation between this and all the other Departments in the Town Hall, to the end that the money of the Taxpayers of Braintree be conserved and the tax rate lowered.

Respectfully submitted,

Bureau of Old Age Assistance,
ALBERT L. RICE,
Supervisor.

CEMETERY DEPARTMENT

Year Ending January 1, 1940.

Honorable Board of Selectmen
Town Hall
South Braintree, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:—

I submit herewith the Annual Report of the Superintendent of the Plain Street Cemetery for the year ending January 1, 1940.

There were eleven burials; nine adults, one minor, one cremation, two removals; one admitted to tomb.

The cemetery was mowed regularly, many sunken graves being filled and reseeded.

On W.P.A. Project, 877 running feet of rubble wall was completed. It surrounds the cemetery from Plain Street to Plain Street. As it was late in the Fall, loaming, seeding, etc., were held up until Spring.

I have another project under way for curbing, leveling off and reseeding all uneven spots, and expect to have this put through in conjunction with finishing what was started last year.

In closing, I wish to thank the Honorable Board of Selectmen, and Superintendent of Streets, John Wentworth, for the wonderful co-operation they have given me.

Respectfully submitted,

HERBERT F. STACKHOUSE,

Superintendent of the Plain Street Cemetery.

DETAILED EXPENDITURES

1939 TOWN INFIRMARY 1939

	Groceries	Milk	Gas and Light	Fuel	Medical	Clothing and Shoes	Telephone	Tobacco	News- papers	Gasoline	House Equip.	Garden \$ 35.00	Misc.	Totals \$ 35.00
January														
February	\$ 176.22	\$ 36.58	\$ 21.30	\$ 7.00	¢ 17.66	\$ 33.75	\$ 6.00	\$ 14.85		\$ 1.75	\$ 71.34		\$ 12.75	\$ 399.20
March	154.90	40.32	23.18	7.00	17.31	36.56	6.30	14.60			16.47		25.60	342.24
April	172.51	44.64	22.83	7.00	24.18	4.95	6.80	18.35	\$13.30		53.34	1.25	11.37	380.52
May	182.22	33.84	23.44	7.00	14.30	30.52	6.05	18.00		23.67	104.25	11.00	23.10	477.39
June	242.24	38.16	23.45	6.75	14.11	11.10	5.95	18.03			43.26	58.10	25.90	487.05
July	184.89	39.49	22.84	341.58	24.07	11.25	5.80	15.82			38.39	47.79	10.10	742.02
August	171.26	40.70	24.32		36.88	.60	5.70	25.77			9.95	4.71	7.50	327.39
September	201.23		23.57		8.22	16.16	6.10	22.20	33.74		69.41	22.14	36.55	439.32
October	154.42	37.40	24.30		12.49	6.50	6.00	16.07	6.58		25.59		19.17	308.52
November	354.55	14.74	25.00	7.00	31.06	2.45	11.85	26.27			26.42		29.32	528.66
December	144.06	42.46	38.83	3.50	4.81	10.55		13.72	23.38		5.71	5.88	4.00	296.90
Totals	\$2,138.50	\$368.33	\$273.06	\$386.83	\$205.09	\$164.39	\$66.55	\$203.68	\$77.00	\$25.42	\$464.13	\$185.87	\$205.36	\$4,764.21

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE
TOWN INFIRMARY

January 31, 1940.

Mr. Frederick D. Lawley
Welfare Administrator
South Braintree, Mass.

Dear Sir:

I, herewith, submit my report on the Town Infirmary from January 1, 1939 to December 31, 1939.

IMPROVEMENTS

Inside painting of rooms on men's side, together with ceilings and floors and all furniture in the home.

Number of inmates during the year averaged 17 per month.

Very truly yours,
P. T. DONAHUE,
Superintendent.

AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

January 31, 1940.

To the Honorable Board of Public Welfare
Town Hall
South Braintree, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

The average number of families receiving assistance in this division from January 1, 1939 to December 1, 1939 was 35.

Expenditures	\$23,557.58
Received from Federal Grants	3,758.02
Net Expenditures	\$19,799.56

During the month there was collected from the State and turned into the Town E. & D. Fund \$13,941.45.

Administration Expenses	\$ 434.66
Received from Federal Grants	341.07
Net Expenditures	\$ 93.59

Due to the change in A.D.C. Laws our Federal Grants for the coming year will be based on a 50% allowance rather than a 33⅓, which will mean a greater savings to the Town for this Category of Aid.

We beg to thank the officials of the Division of Aid to Dependent Children of the Commonwealth for their advice and courteous treatment.

Very truly yours,
Welfare Department,
FREDERICK D. LAWLEY,
Administrator.

January 31, 1940.

To the Honorable Board of Public Welfare
 Town Hall
 South Braintree, Massachusetts
 Gentlemen:

I beg to submit, herewith, my report for the year, January 1, 1939 to December 31, 1939, inclusive:

Expenditures for Braintree Cases.....	\$58,546.59
Expenditures for State Cases.....	20,233.05
Expenditures for Outside Settled Cases.....	6,895.18
Expenditures for Braintree Cases aided in other Towns and Cities	4,145.14
Total Expenditures	\$89,819.96
Less Cash Refunds.....	185.10
Net Expenditures	\$89,634.86

During the year there was collected and turned into the E. & D. Fund:

From the State.....	\$20,502.59
From Towns & Cities.....	18,722.65
Total	\$39,225.24

The average number of persons aided per month during the year, 651, as compared to 657 for 1938.

The expenditures were materially affected by three changes during the year in W.P.A. activities, especially the forced layoff for 18 months service, that started to take effect September 1, 1939, which is still in force.

My sincere thanks to all other Departments for their kind co-operation.

Very truly yours,
 Welfare Department,
 FREDERICK D. LAWLEY,
 Administrator.

DETAILED EXPENDITURES
1939 TEMPORARY AID BRAINTREE CASES 1939

	Food	Rent	Fuel	Light	Medical	Hospital	Shoes	Clothing	Misc.	Cash	Board and Care	Institutions	Cities and Towns	Totals
January	\$ 2,014.30	\$ 986.17	\$ 677.68	\$ 80.86	\$ 135.41	\$ 259.17	\$ 17.50	\$ 5.10	\$ 114.85	\$ 519.80	\$ 214.86	\$ 128.16		\$ 5,153.86
February	1,739.76	962.61	612.16	75.64	462.13	178.40	112.57	5.08	20.70	568.00	211.00	128.16		5,076.21
March	2,131.19	966.44	577.45	62.29	421.42	188.57	92.48		130.10	536.09	195.86	128.16		5,430.05
April	1,323.00	962.38	197.41	56.64	278.13	226.66	61.83		36.00	691.20	205.57	128.16		4,166.98
May	1,240.00	946.58	120.50	57.03	351.08	301.63	50.79	6.66	9.50	596.80	200.86	128.16		4,009.64
June	1,736.20	892.14	133.83	51.44	370.14	331.36	71.61	1.98	40.75	577.80	206.86	128.16		4,542.27
July	1,265.15	900.68	100.09	59.03	249.43	269.55	27.36	4.63	50.24	631.89	206.86	128.16		3,893.07
August	1,715.69	990.86	129.21	69.50	274.82	200.49	60.17	2.58	86.24	544.00	213.00	128.16		4,414.72
September	1,987.40	1,014.24	103.80	65.45	77.92	293.79	200.17	31.02	42.43	679.00	211.50	128.16		4,834.88
October	1,697.78	1,037.64	211.70	57.94	242.32	373.12	96.55	28.04	44.86	563.60	212.88	128.16		4,694.59
November	2,512.29	1,040.37	447.48	83.83	494.97	298.98	99.00	26.32	162.81	563.60	213.00	128.16		6,070.81
December	2,065.58	1,018.77	715.71	94.72	480.42	470.17	112.18	43.42	221.89	664.46	244.00	128.19		6,259.51
Totals	\$21,428.34	\$6,002.56	\$4,027.02	\$814.42	\$3,838.19	\$3,391.89	\$1,002.21	\$154.83	\$ 960.37	\$7,136.24	\$2,536.25	\$1,537.95		\$58,546.59

DETAILED EXPENDITURES
1939 TEMPORARY AID. STATE CASES 1939

	Food	Rent	Fuel	Light	Medical	Hospital	Shoes	Clothing	Board and Care	Cash	All Others	Misc.	Totals
January	\$ 820.77	\$ 403.24	\$ 305.25	\$ 31.54	\$ 76.30	\$ 50.00	\$ 23.05		\$ 91.00	\$ 133.00	\$ 8.77		\$ 1,942.92
February	742.41	416.86	279.98	36.32	162.23	155.06	35.22		63.00	100.00			1,991.08
March	997.61	436.86	199.46	32.58	232.28	58.44	53.80		35.00	100.00	19.71		2,165.74
April	704.94	398.25	78.50	34.90	114.71	46.00	29.06		28.00	125.00	19.30		1,578.66
May	591.09	383.83	55.56	30.31	122.57	93.06	25.37		28.00	100.00	10.39		1,440.18
June	698.25	372.75	36.95	31.58	123.99	54.40	56.86		28.00	100.00	23.49		1,526.27
July	655.00	399.00	25.94	27.50	92.66	35.00	22.87		35.00	125.00	2.90		1,420.87
August	635.70	399.38	11.41	24.63	160.43	140.29	46.23	\$1.05	28.00	110.00			1,557.12
September	680.25	389.08	38.30	29.52	136.10	43.00	55.97	73.64	35.00	125.00	1.54		1,607.40
October	516.50	446.73	44.07	26.54	154.40	94.00	33.10	45.07	28.00	100.40	8.00		1,496.81
November	526.25	435.50	128.50	25.72	107.13	188.70	40.25	41.96	28.00	100.40	1.00		1,623.41
December	663.10	407.88	206.07	27.36	218.88	89.00	68.72	54.29	35.00	105.54	6.75		1,882.59
Totals	\$8,231.87	\$4,889.36	\$1,409.99	\$358.50	\$1,701.68	\$1,046.95	\$490.50	\$216.01	\$462.00	\$1,324.34	\$101.85		\$20,233.05

DETAILED EXPENDITURES
1939 TEMPORARY AID. OUTSIDE CITIES AND TOWNS 1939

	Food	Rent	Fuel	Light	Medical	Hospital	Shoes	Clothing	Board and Care	Cash	All Others	Misc.	Totals
January	\$ 306.68	\$ 112.50	\$ 113.43	\$ 7.88	\$ 36.79		\$ 3.35						\$ 580.63
February	282.38	124.00	80.22	12.09	103.53	\$ 5.00	20.83						628.05
March	471.96	130.52	80.16	10.85	123.19		34.76				\$ 1.00		852.44
April	233.06	142.50	46.44	13.53	92.00	11.45	8.60			\$.20			547.78
May	258.20	167.17	22.78	15.69	89.25	.50	6.98						560.57
June	212.70	112.50	14.50	10.47	49.65		8.24						408.06
July	248.70	92.50	13.99	14.37	36.75		8.57			1.62			416.50
August	177.49	92.50	6.52	9.19	56.35	4.00	10.93						356.98
September	244.59	129.17	12.77	12.35	67.70		24.86	\$8.58		1.00			501.02
October	236.45	149.17	41.77	10.02	60.29	200.91	16.14		\$ 8.00				722.75
November	249.39	174.00	89.64	8.71	55.77	83.69	17.95	.98	16.00		5.00		701.13
December	230.49	143.02	98.04	7.12	55.25	57.10	3.25				25.00		619.27
Totals	\$3,152.09	\$1,569.55	\$ 620.26	\$132.27	\$ 826.52	\$ 362.65	\$164.46	\$ 9.56	\$ 24.00	\$ 2.82	\$ 31.00		\$ 6,895.18

REPORT OF SOLDIERS' RELIEF DEPARTMENT

	Amount Appropriated	Amount Expended	Amount Unexpended
Soldiers' Benefits	\$18,839.86	\$17,703.52	\$1,136.34
Military Aid	1,960.00	1,180.00	780.00
State Aid and Burial.....	1,450.00	974.00	476.00
Office Expense	226.64	202.05	24.59
 Total.....	 \$22,476.50	 \$20,059.57	 \$2,416.93

The Town of Braintree appropriated \$18,839.86 for Soldiers' Relief for the year 1939; of this amount \$1,136.34 remains unexpended. Of the \$1,960 appropriated by the Town for Military Aid \$780 remains unexpended, and of the \$1,180 spent for this purpose, the Town will be reimbursed by the State in November, 1940, for one-half or \$590. For State Aid and Burials, for which \$1,450 was appropriated, \$964 was spent; of this \$917 will be paid back by the State in November, 1940. Of the \$226.64 appropriated for Office Expense, \$24.59 remains unexpended.

In brief, of the total amount appropriated for the above purposes, \$2,416.93 remains unexpended. While the Department is gratified to report this saving for the Town, it is equally glad to assure the people of Braintree that all needy veterans and their families have, to the best of its knowledge, been adequately cared for.

Due to the recent law advancing the age from 16 to 18 at which veterans' children may receive aid, and to the increasing death rate among the veterans, this Department feels that, in spite of the above savings, more money may be required in the ensuing years to take care of the increasing demands for relief.

The Department is glad to take this opportunity to express its appreciation of the courtesy and helpfulness of the members of the Police Department when called upon for ambulance service.

In conclusion, the Department wishes to express its grateful thanks to the Selectmen for their cooperation at all times.

Respectfully submitted,

SYDNEY WEST

Soldiers' Relief Agent

REPORT OF THE
SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

January 1, 1940

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen
Braintree, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:—

I submit my report as Sealer of Weights and Measures from the date of my appointment April 1, 1939 for the period of nine months ending December 31, 1939.

Total number of inspections.....	1094
Sealing Fees	\$214.72
Junk Licenses	362.50
Hawkers Licenses	40.00
Vending Machines	30.00
Total	\$647.22
Salary	\$375.00
Transportation, Expenses	194.30

Respectfully submitted,

EARL H. ERVIEN,
Sealer of Weights and Measures.

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
Sewer Department
OF THE
Town of Braintree
FROM
December 31, '38 to December 31, '39

REPORT OF THE SEWER COMMISSIONERS

To the Citizens of the Town of Braintree:

The Board of Sewer Commissioners respectfully submits its report for the year ending December 31, 1939.

During the past year new construction work has been confined to the Town Brook Pumping District in the valley west of Washington Street. The substructure of a small automatic pumping station has been built on the north side of Common Street near Town Brook. A trunk sewer has been constructed from the traffic circle at Independence Avenue and Washington Street to the pumping station and work is in progress on a trunk sewer from the pumping station southward toward Storrs Avenue. All new construction during the past year in this District has been on a W.P.A. basis.

It is desirable that the Town Brook pumping station be completed as soon as possible and that the trunk sewer be extended at least to Storrs Avenue. The Braintree Board of Health as well as the State Department of Public Health have informed the Sewer Board of the objectionable sanitary conditions which exist in this valley due to overflowing cesspools.

Continued progress has been made in the installation of house connections. A total of 61 connections were made during the past year. Two of the most important connections were those made to the properties of the Armstrong Cork Company and the Weymouth Art Leather Company, respectively.

Numerous requests have been made during the year for sewers in sections of the Town which are not now provided with this service. It is practically impossible to prevent the overflowing of cesspools during the spring of the year. Sewerage facilities should be provided in these closely built-up areas as soon as the financial condition of the Town permits. In order to accomplish very much in this direction it will probably be necessary to supplement the W.P.A. construction program with some other form of work relief or by constructing sewers by contract.

The Commissioners wish to express their appreciation to the members of the Sewer Department for their continued efforts toward maintaining efficient operation of the Department.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL M. ELLSWORTH, Chairman

DWIGHT A. CHANDLER

WALTER E. THOMPSON

Board of Sewer Commissioners.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SEWERS

January 2, 1940.

To the Board of Sewer Commissioners
Town of Braintree, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith my report upon the activities of the Sewer Department for the year ending December 31, 1939.

Construction:

Sewer construction work in conjunction with the W.P.A. was carried on entirely in the Town Brook Pumping District.

The main line running across the meadow on the north side of Common Street was extended up the hill in back of the Auto Graveyard and beneath the railroad tracks near Capen's Bridge to connect with the sewers that were built last year in the traffic circle and Church Street.

Beginning on Common Street at the Town Brook crossing and running parallel to the brook towards Storrs Avenue a main sewer was constructed as far as Staten Road.

The total cost of the above sewer work amounted to \$26,144 of which \$18,401 was financed by Federal Funds.

About the middle of July the sub-structure of the pumping station for the Town Brook Pumping District was started with W.P.A. labor. The station is located on the south side of Common Street next to the brook. Fine water-bearing sand made it necessary to use wellpoints in addition to tongue and groove sheeting to control the excavation. The two lower floors and ten feet of side walls were completed by the latter part of November when all operations were suspended for the winter.

The sub-structure of the pumping station is now about 90% complete. The total cost of the work done to date is \$16,824 of which \$6653 was financed by Federal Funds.

The latter part of August the Finance Committee authorized the transfer of a sum of money from the reserve fund for the construction of a sewer in Myrtle Avenue and extending across the railroad tracks to the property of the Armstrong Cork Company. This work was completed by the middle of November at a total cost of \$1454.

The Finance Committee also authorized the transfer of a sum of money from the reserve fund for the construction of a sewer from the main line between Pearl and Union Streets to the property of the Weymouth Art Leather Company, which had recently located in the old reclamation plant shops in South Braintree. This work was completed by the middle of December at a total cost of \$863.

The following is a summary of sewers constructed this year:

Cravity District:

Myrtle Avenue—Hancock St. to Armstrong		
Cork Co.	239'	8" V. C.
	102'	8" C. I.
Right of Way—Main Sewer to Art Leather Co.	126'	8" J—M

Town Brook Pumping District:

Right of Way—Common Street to Centre		
Street	196'	10" V. C.
	159'	8" V. C.
	78'	8" C. I.
Right of Way—Common Street to Dickerman		
Lane	107'	10" V. C.
	27'	16" C. I.
	380'	15" V. C.
	352'	8" V. C.
Dickerman Lane—Right of Way to Garland		
Street	110'	8" V. C.
Garland Street—Dickerman Lane to Staten		
Road	304'	8" V. C.

Total 1939 Construction	2,180'	0.41 Miles
Previous Construction		18.50 Miles
Total Constructed to date		18.91 Miles

The sewers in the Town Brook Pumping District will not be available for use until the pumping station is completed and put into operation.

House Connections:

There were 61 sewer connections, totalling 3,823 feet, made to the system during the year at a total cost of \$5,629. The total number of connections is now 535.

Where the sewers are available about 45% of the buildings are connected.

The actual cost of a connection depends upon the depth and kind of excavation, and is billed to the owner of the property upon the completion of the work. No advance deposit is required and the cost may be apportioned over a period of ten years.

Maintenance:

There were no stoppages in any of the main or lateral sewers during the year. Partial blockades of sticks and boulders were removed from the manholes in the rights of way between Pearl and Union Streets and between Union and River Streets.

The small automatic pumping station off Brookside Road was operated at a cost of \$98.71 for electricity. No trouble was experienced with the operation of this station during the year.

The Sewer Department's 1½ ton dump truck was operated a total of 1232 hours at an average cost of \$0.94 per hour. The Department's air compressor was operated a total of 1137 hours at an average cost of \$1.69 per hour. These rates include the operator, depreciation, insurance and all other charges necessary for operating and maintaining the equipment.

Two percent discounts taken during the year amounted to \$281.38.

There were 6 sewer assessments levied amounting to \$2,463.18. The total assessment levy is now \$234,096.47. The collections this year amounted to \$18,559.90 making a total of \$166,672.69 to date, including interest, or 71% of the levy.

Drainage Study:

On account of other work in progress it was impossible to do more than a very limited amount of locating of existing drains in connection with the drainage study.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

W.P.A. CONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT

Balance from 1939	\$ 1,945.78
Transfer from Selectmen's W.P.A. Appropriation	14,969.93
Transfer from Reserve Fund	997.79
Total	<u>\$17,913.50</u>

Expenditures:

Inspection, Surveying and Plans	\$ 3,779.79
Equipment Operators and Helpers	312.59
All other Labor	679.22
Labor Compensation Insurance	321.92
Shop Rent	308.00
Equipment Rentals	2,213.53
Power Equipment Repairs	421.89
New Equipment	784.05
Small Tools	153.00
Tool Sharpening and Repairs	50.66
Registry, Testing and Mileage	321.19
Land Damages for Takings	550.00
Railroad Crossing Expense	347.96
Gasolene and Lubricating Oil	436.91
Electricity	636.29
Materials	6,596.50
Total Expenditures	<u>\$17,913.50</u>

MYRTLE AVENUE CONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT

Transfer from Reserve Fund	\$ 1,500.00
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Expenditures:

Labor	\$ 816.38
Materials	216.76
Railroad Crossing Expense	221.68
Equipment Rentals	199.29
Total Expenditures	<u>1,454.11</u>
Unexpended Balance, December 31, 1939	\$ 45.89

ART LEATHER CONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT

Transfer from Reserve Fund	\$ 900.00
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Expenditures:

Labor	\$ 482.57
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Materials	267.31	
Equipment Rentals	112.80	
Total Expenditures		862.68
Unexpended Balance, December 31, 1939		\$ 37.32

DRAINAGE STUDY ACCOUNT

Balance from Appropriation		\$ 1,001.47
Expenditures:		
Labor	\$ 75.62	
Total Expenditures		75.62
Unexpended Balance, December 31, 1939		\$ 925.85

HOUSE CONNECTION ACCOUNT

Appropriation		\$ 7,500.00
Expenditures:		
Labor	\$ 2,911.59	
Labor Compensation Insurance	113.90	
Registry of Deeds	18.13	
Equipment Rentals	259.35	
Equipment Repairs	271.93	
Equipment Operation Expense	228.96	
Small Tools, Repairs and Sharpening	207.68	
Asbestos Cement Pipe	65.76	
Brick, Cement and Lime	135.13	
Jute, Jointing Compound and Lead	193.43	
Kerosene	49.20	
Manhole Castings	105.00	
Sand and Gravel	137.47	
Soil Pipe and Fittings	304.00	
Street Patch Materials	172.50	
Vitrified Pipe and Fittings	407.57	
All other Materials	47.62	
Total House Connection Expenditures		5,629.22
Unexpended Balance, December 31, 1939		\$ 1,870.78

MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT

Appropriation — Maintenance	\$ 9,700.00
Appropriation — Sewer Commissioners' Salaries	300.00
Refund	3.00
Total	\$10,003.00

Expenditures:

Sewer Commissioners' Salaries	\$ 300.00
Superintendent	3,000.00
Foreman	1,820.00
Clerk	936.00
All other Labor	1,237.09
Labor Compensation Insurance	111.62
Shop Rent, Heat and Moving Expenses	453.03
Office and Drafting Supplies	83.84

Postage, Service Charges and Printing	123.30
Telephone	108.47
Water	12.00
Electricity	120.16
Mileage	102.05
Other Expenses	21.00
Materials	331.28
Auto Maintenance	216.97
Compressor Maintenance	239.94
Truck Maintenance	157.66
Small Tools	105.14
New Air Tools	233.95
Pump Repairs	100.51
Other Equipment and Repairs	23.45
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Total Maintenance Expenditures	9,837.46
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Unexpended Balance, December 31, 1939	\$ 165.54

A more complete classification of all the expenditures shown above is on file in the Sewer Department office and available to anyone interested.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE F. BROUSSEAU,

Superintendent.

Report of the Town Counsel for the Year 1939

At the end of the year 1938, your Town Counsel submitted for publication the first report of that department which has appeared for some years, in response to a request of the Town Meeting. In that report, I attempted to divide and classify the work of the department for a better understanding by the public. It is unnecessary to repeat that classification.

A large part of the work of the department this year, as in the past, has consisted of almost daily advice to the officials of the Town with reference to the conduct of and the problems arising in their departments. Most of these problems are disposed of pursuant to such advice. During the current year the calls for this type of service have come from all of the operating departments of the Town. The great bulk of this type of work, however, has been performed with the Board of Selectmen on problems of general management.

While some of the problems due to special circumstances arising in the year 1938 have not recurred during the year immediately past because of more normal operation of the affairs of the Town, other problems have taken their place. During the early part of the year, your Counsel spent much time with the Town Clerk, for whose assistance he is deeply appreciative, in arranging matters for the smooth operation of our new form of Town Meeting. More recently, much time has been spent in formulating with the Selectmen a set of traffic and parking regulations which, when adopted, should fill a need which has long been apparent. Further extensive work of a similar nature has been performed in connection with the committee appointed at the last annual meeting to study the By-Laws, as a result of which, it now appears probable that a revised code of By-Laws will be presented at the next annual meeting for adoption.

With reference to litigation and the disposition of claims against the Town, there have not been so many demands on the Town Treasury as in the immediately preceding years. In the land damage classification, while there were several small settlements made on highway takings, there has been only one substantial payment and that one, of approximately \$1800, was paid pursuant to a judgment following a trial by jury, and the payment was less than the amount for which the case could have been settled. There are pending at present eight petitions for land damage in the Superior Court, most of which, however, do not affect tax levy departments and will not, therefore, be a serious burden on the taxpayers when they are disposed of.

A more serious and sharply contested piece of litigation has arisen over the claim of the Crystal Concrete Corporation that the Town exceeded its rights on lease of a gravel pit, which lease was made in 1932 and expired in 1937. The case has already been tried at great length before a Master, who has made his findings. These findings are not, in their present form, acceptable either to the plaintiff corporation or the defendant Town. It now appears, therefore, that this piece of litigation will continue through the appeal stages during the current year.

A conservative attitude toward the settlement of claims and suits arising from alleged highway defects has resulted in a sharp decline in the number and amount of such claims.

There has been some routine litigation by and against the Town with reference to cross-claims between this and other towns, or between this Town and the State, most of which has been disposed of without actual trial, some of which is still pending.

Three cases were tried before the Board of Tax Appeals and in only one of those cases did the applicant receive on appeal the abatement which he sought.

Assistance has been rendered to the Treasurer's Department in Land Court proceedings to foreclose tax titles which have matured. In addition to decrees which have brought vacant land into the possession of the Town, there have been two decrees on which residential properties have come into the possession of the Town. This fact raises very sharply the necessity for establishing a more definite policy as to the management of such property which comes into the possession of the Town and is not immediately resold. Of the parcels of vacant land which have been foreclosed, twelve have been sold during the year under authority given by the Town Meeting. In this connection, I will renew my recommendation of the previous year that provision be made for a careful indexing, listing and appraisal of this property, so that it may be offered for sale in a manner which would yield a substantial revenue to the Town.

In conclusion, I wish to thank all of the Town Departments and officials for the coöperation and courteous assistance which I have received from them during the year, and to assure them that I am ready at any time to respond to their requests for the services of this department.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD A. HUNT,

Town Counsel.

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
Electric
Light Department
OF THE
Town of Braintree
FROM
December 31, '38 to December 31, '39

The year just ended has been an eventful as well as a gratifying one.

The eventful part was the retirement of Mr. Lawrence as Superintendent and General Manager, after thirty years of faithful and efficient service under whose able supervision the plant has grown from a meager proposition to one with a value of over a million dollars. All this has been done out of the earnings of the Department and at the same time selling electricity to the citizens at among the lowest price of any in the Commonwealth.

The gratifying part is that the Department has shown a substantial growth and improvement the past year. Net Operating revenues show an increase of \$51,371.39; Balance to profit and loss an increase of \$51,943.46; while operating expenses show a decrease of \$20,079.95.

K.W. hours generated show an increase of 2,696,200. Our sales of K.W. hours an increase of 2,058,560; while the amount of K.W. hours purchased show a decrease of 856,800.

The Department has contracted for a 10,000 sq. ft. condenser and a 7,500 K.W. turbine to be installed in 1940 which will give the plant considerably more than double its present capacity and should be sufficient for a number of years of increased demand and growth.

This necessitated the enlargement of the building to house the new equipment. This work is very nearly completed. All of these improvements and enlargements will be taken care of out of earnings.

After the retirement of Mr. Lawrence, your Commissioners obtained the services of Ernest T. Fulton to act as Superintendent and General Manager.

Mr. Fulton comes very well recommended and we believe qualified to carry out the conservative and well proven policies of the past.

It is the aim of the Commission to furnish current and service at the lowest possible rate and to continue the policy of giving Braintree uninterrupted and economical service.

NORTON P. POTTER,
FRANK P. LORD,
SHELLEY A. NEAL,
Commissioners.

BRAINTREE ELECTRIC LIGHT DEPARTMENT
ERNEST T. FULTON, Manager

REPORT OF YEAR 1939

To the Municipal Light Board,
Braintree, Massachusetts.
Gentlemen:

Submitted herewith for your approval is a financial statement of the Braintree Electric Light Department for year ending December 31, 1939.

ANALYSIS OF SALES, 1939

	Kw. Hrs. Sold	REVENUES
Domestic and Commercial	6,576,872	\$184,256.85
Industrial	10,300,651	133,938.73
Municipal	776,111	9,499.07
Street Lighting	586,979	12,000.00
Total	18,240,613	\$339,694.65

STREET LIGHTING COST

Kw. Hrs. used year 1939—586,979 @ .0154672	\$ 9,078.97
Maintenance Labor	857.87
Replaced Lamps	703.28
Material Fixtures renewed	1,359.88
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	\$ 12,000.00
Cash received from Town	12,000.00
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OPERATING EXPENSES

PRODUCTION:

Superintendence	\$19,811.96
Boiler Fuel	61,598.53
Water for Steam	587.50
Lubricants	42.12
Station Supplies and Expenses	2,026.44
Maintenance of Station Structures	1,792.71
Maintenance of Boilers	3,110.46
Maintenance of Turbines	1,750.92
Maintenance of General Equipment	2,286.94
Maintenance of Accessory Equipment	756.52
Electric Energy Purchased	11,379.79

Total \$105,143.89

TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION:

Operation of Transmission and Distribu- tion of Lines	\$ 8,729.54
Transmission and Distribution Supplies ..	243.68
Testing Meters	864.36
Removing and Resetting Meters	829.82
Removing and Resetting Transformers ..	490.72
Maintenance of Transformers Station and Sub-station Equipment ..	374.57
Maintenance of Transmission and Distribution of Lines	29,556.26
Maintenance of Underground Conduits ..	125.00
Maintenance of Consumers' Meters	889.10
Maintenance of Transformers	802.21

Total 42,905.26

UTILIZATION:

Operation of Street Lights	\$ 680.44
Replacement of Street Lamps	703.28
Supplies and Maintenance	1,537.31

Total 2,921.03

GENERAL EXPENSE:

Maintenance of Consumers' Installations	\$ 5,835.08
Commercial Salaries	14,762.04

Advertising	5.00	
Salaries of Manager and Municipal Light Board	2,841.52	
Office Salaries	3,687.31	
General Office Supplies and Expenses	3,104.49	
Insurance	9,027.54	
Transportation	386.68	
Maintenance of General Structures	202.47	
Depreciation	36,558.82	
Miscl. General Expense	128.37	
Total		\$ 76,539.32
GRAND TOTAL OF OPERATING EXPENSES		\$227,509.50
BOOK VALUE OF ALL PROPERTY		\$918,806.91

PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT

January 1, 1939, Balance	\$896,865.50	
Transferred from Income	112,373.68	
Balance, December 31, 1939		\$1,009,239.18

INCOME STATEMENT

Operating Revenue	\$339,694.65	
Operating Expenses	227,509.50	
Manufacturing Surplus		\$ 112,185.15
Miscellaneous Additions		188.53
Transferred to Profit and Loss Account		\$ 112,373.68

COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

Plant Investment	\$ 918,806.91	
Cash Operating Fund	3,577.63	
Cash Fund for Construction	40,000.00	
Special Deposits	3,850.66	
Accounts Receivable	44,752.02	
Materials and Supplies	21,609.00	
Depreciation Fund	146,622.31	
Prepaid Insurance	13,040.05	
TOTAL ASSETS		\$1,192,258.58

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	\$.00	
Consumers' Deposits	3,850.66	
Loans Repayments	133,000.00	
Appropriations for Construction Repayments	46,168.74	
Profit and Loss	1,009,239.18	
TOTAL LIABILITIES		\$1,192,258.58

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Braintree	\$ 8,239.70	
East Braintree	6,312.58	
South Braintree	11,773.67	
Contracts and Special Rates	17,178.20	
Municipal	1,247.87	
TOTAL		\$ 44,752.02

DEPRECIATION ACCOUNT

January 1, 1939, Balance	\$109,168.64	
Net Transfer from Income	36,558.82	
Interest	894.85	
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Balance December 31, 1939		\$146,622.31
Cash Received as per Cashbook.....		357,809.21
Paid to Town Treasurer		357,809.21
Accounts Payable Balance .....		.00
Operation Fund, Balance December 31, 1939		43,577.63
Transferred Cash to Special Construction Fund as per Town Warrant		40,000.00
Operation Fund Balance, December 31, 1939		3,577.63

MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD

Debit:

Balance January 1, 1939	\$ 3,573.26	
E. T. Fulton, Manager	357,809.21	
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		\$361,382.47

Credit:

Paid by Order of Commissioners	\$317,804.84	
Balance, December 31, 1939.....	43,577.63	
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		\$361,382.47

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
Water Department
OF THE
Town of Braintree
FROM
December 31, '38 to December 31, '39

COMMISSIONERS AND OFFICERS OF THE
WATER DEPARTMENT
1939

GEORGE A. WALKER, Chairman
Term expires 1941

THOMAS E. SEARS
Term expires 1940

JOSEPH LANDERS
Term expires 1942

JOHN W. HARDING, Treasurer

WALTER M. HATCH, Superintendent

FRANCIS J. O'ROURKE, Chief Engineer

REPORT OF THE WATER COMMISSIONERS

The Board of Water Commissioners submit the Annual Report of the Water Department for the year ending December 31, 1939.

An itemized account of all expenses is on file in the office of the Water Department and available to any interested citizen or citizens.

We are still working on our great objective, which is to secure an adequate supply of water for the citizens of Braintree.

Following are the reports of the Treasurer, Registrar, Collector, Superintendent and Engineer.

THOMAS E. SEARS,
JOSEPH LANDERS,
GEORGE A. WALKER, Chairman,
Board of Water Commissioners.

TREASURER'S REPORT

John W. Harding, Treasurer

In account with Board of Water Commissioners:

Balance January 1, 1939.....	\$ 7,172.11	
Received from Doris E. Whiting.....	91,238.24	
Paid by orders of the Commissioners.....		\$85,401.86
Balance December 31, 1939.....		13,008.49
	\$98,410.35	\$98,410.35

COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Balance from 1938.....	\$ 200.00	
Collected 1939.....	91,238.24	
Paid Treasurer on his receipts.....		\$91,238.24
Balance December 31, 1939.....		200.00
	\$91,438.24	\$91,438.24

REGISTRAR'S REPORT

Water Rates Charged 1939.....	\$87,935.46	
Material & Labor Charged 1939.....	4,347.29	
Summonses.....	10.00	
Telephone Account.....	3.95	
Water Rates Outstanding, Dec. 31, 1938..	21,642.04	
Material & Labor Outstanding, Dec. 31, 1938 ..	2,412.13	
Collections 1939.....		\$91,238.24
Water Rates Outstanding Dec. 31, 1939 ..		22,731.82
Material & Labor Outstanding Dec. 31, 1939 ..		1,568.66
Abatements on Water Rates.....		220.75
Abatements on Material & Labor.....		611.35
Overpayments 1938.....		13.60
Advance Payments 1939.....	33.55	
	\$116,384.42	\$116,384.42

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES

Maintenance	\$ 5,904.04
Great Pond Pumping Station.....	13,469.67
Little Pond Pumping Station.....	1,634.01
System Maintenance	4,251.25
Services in Street.....	3,665.30
Services Outside Street.....	2,380.71
Meters	1,293.91
Meter Repairs	1,922.27
Meter Reading & Outside Collections.....	1,852.03
Hydrants	1,349.94
Hydrant Repairs	229.78
Hydrant Testing & Flushing.....	309.80
Main Pipe Extension.....	15,884.70
Main Pipe Repairs.....	333.15
Automobiles	2,043.58
Garage	457.50
Standpipe and Main Line Loans.....	3,240.00
Tools	970.39
Filtration	7,830.18
Water Protection	33.42
Superintendent	2,278.50
Insurance	1,630.38
Care of Grounds	4,896.32
Land Taking	738.92
Legal Services	260.00
Raising Pond Level	165.25
Painting Standpipes	811.76
Project No. 17735—Great Pond	4,367.32
Project No. 01521—West Street	55.12
Project No. 40410—Great Pond	1,108.46
Project No. P-810	34.20
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	\$85,401.86

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

To the Honorable Board of Water Commissioners of the Town of Braintree:

Gentlemen:

The following summaries covering the work of the department for the year are respectfully submitted.

WALTER M. HATCH,
Superintendent.

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS

Year ending December 31, 1939

In form recommended by New England Waterworks Association

Population—1939: 17,000.

Date of Construction: 1886.

By Whom Owned: Town of Braintree.

Source of Supply:

Braintree Little Pond (Commercial only)

Braintree Great Pond

Mode of Supply: Pumping to reservoirs.

Capacity of Reservoirs:

Great Pond Supply—1,560,590 gallons.

Little Pond Supply—458,000 gallons.

PUMPING STATISTICS

Great Pond

1. Pumping Machinery:

1. Platts cross compound Corliss valve gear steam pump.
2. Allis Chalmers, single stage, double suction centrifugal pump; driven by 100 H.P. General Electric motor.
3. Allis Chalmers, single stage, double suction centrifugal pump; driven by 100 H.P. Allis Chalmers electric motor.

Little Pond—(Commercial Only)

2. Pumping Machinery:

4. Allis Chalmers, single stage, double suction centrifugal pump; driven by 10 H.P. Allis Chalmers electric motor.

Capacity of Pumps:

No. 1.....	1,512,000
No. 2.....	2,000,000
No. 3.....	1,800,000
No. 4.....	720,000

1. Total Pumpage for year:

(1) Great Pond	449,874,000 gallons
(2) Little Pond	50,687,000 gallons

2. Total electric current used—K.W.H.:

(1) Great Pond	447,190
(2) Little Pond	12,993

3. Average static lift of pumps:

(1) Great Pond	133 feet
(2) Little Pond	17 feet

4. Average total lift of pumps:

(1) Great Pond	220 feet
(2) Little Pond	40 feet

5. Cost of current per million gallons:

(1) Great Pond	\$9.77
(2) Little Pond	6.01

6. Cost per million gallons raised one foot:

(1) Great Pond	\$.0444
(2) Little Pond .....	.150

7. Cost of pumping per million gallons based on total expense:

(1) Great Pond	\$29.94
(2) Little Pond	32.23

FILTRATION STATISTICS

Date of Construction: 1934.

Type of Filter: Wheeler Pyramidal, rapid sand.

Capacity: 2,000,000 gallons per 24 hours.

Machinery:

1. Bacharach Alum Feeder.
2. Bacharach Nuchar Feeder.
3. Bacharach Soda Ash Feeder.
4. Syntron Lime Feeder.

Pumping Machinery:

1. Allis Chalmers, single stage, double suction pump, driven by 25 H.P. Allis Chalmers electric motor and/or 35 H.P. Waukeshu gasoline engine.
2. Allis Chalmers, single stage, double suction pump, driven by 10 H.P. Allis Chalmers electric motor.

Capacity:

No. 1.....	2,000,000 gallons per 24 hours
No. 2.....	580,000 gallons per 24 hours

Total water filtered: 449,874,000 gallons.

Total electric current used—K.W.H.: 85,540.

Cost of current per million gallons: \$1.84.

Cost per million gallons based on total expense: \$17.40.

RELATING TO DISTRIBUTION MAINS

1. Kind of pipe: Cast iron, wrought iron
2. Size: From 1" to 16"
3. Extended 1939: 5,324 feet
4. Replaced small wrought iron with cast iron: 5,133 feet
5. Total cast iron installed: 10,457 feet
6. Total now in use: 84.55 miles
7. Number of hydrants added in 1939: 13
8. Total number now in use: 508
9. Range of static pressure: 35-105 pounds

SERVICES

10. Kind: Cast iron, wrought iron, lead, copper
11. Sizes: $\frac{5}{8}$ " to 10"
12. Added in 1939: 68
13. Total now in use: 4,604
14. Number of meters added in 1939: 92
15. Total now in use: 4,222
16. Percentage of services metered: 91.7%

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
Thayer Public Library
OF THE
Town of Braintree
YEAR 1939

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE THAYER PUBLIC LIBRARY

Braintree, Massachusetts
January 26, 1940.

To the Citizens of Braintree:

The Board of Trustees submits the following report for the year 1939 concerning the Thayer Public Library and its branches.

On January 1, 1940, the Thayer Public Library and its branches had 36,432 books on hand. This is a smaller number of books than we had the previous year at this time. The reason for this is two-fold: First, whereas during the year 1938 we added 2,386 new books, last year we added 1,877 books, 509 fewer than the year before. Secondly, whereas in 1938 we withdrew 514 books from circulation because of old age, in 1939 we were obliged to withdraw 3,003 books from circulation, 2,489 more than the previous year.

In the Libraries of the Middle Ages where the preservation of the physical substance of the book was extremely important, such a comment as this would have been appalling; but in our public library and its branches, where we are making such an earnest effort to render the largest book service possible throughout the Town and are undertaking the American job of making as many non-readers as possible into readers, the discarding of over 3,000 books indicates real progress! The quicker the book wears out in legitimate service the better. Manifestly we are producing more readers.

The fact, however, that we have added fewer volumes than during the previous year and have withdrawn almost six times as many books from circulation, should bid us pause. With our growing population and a Library with 1,126 fewer books than in 1938, the conclusion is obvious: We are not adding books enough to our Library to keep pace with our growing life. We need a substantially larger appropriation for the purchase of new books and also a larger appropriation for binding and repairs, so that many of our older books, which are still widely read because of their genuine worth, may be strengthened and have longer life.

Our Library and its branches should year by year be increasing the number of its volumes.

Closely allied with this is the question of our book circulation. During the year 1938 we had a total circulation of 170,675, the highest circulation of all time. During 1939 the total circulation was 169,443, a figure 1,222 lower than the previous year. If our appropriation had permitted us to add 509 more new and interesting books, and these books had been duly publicized, our circulation would probably have increased 1,000 this past year. The Board stresses the urgency of a larger book appropriation.

The circulation of our books this past year was distributed as follows:

Thayer Public Library	85,214
Braintree Branch	36,259
East Braintree Branch	36,331
Braintree Highlands Branch	11,639

The Board calls attention to the marked increase in circulation in the Highlands Branch, an increase of 8,706 since the previous year. It should be said, however, that we opened this branch in September, 1938, and had only four months of book circulation during the rest of the year. The circulation during these four months was 2,903. During the first four months of 1939 the circulation was 3,930, an increase of over 1,000 in four months' time. Nearly 1,000 magazines have been in circulation in the Highlands Branch during the year 1939.

In view of the limitations of our Library service because of an insufficient number of new books; and also the general decrease in the circulation of books during the past year in the Country at large, the Trustees feel more than satisfied with our circulation figures for the year 1939.

In popularizing the service of any institution, good will is essential—a feeling of mutual congeniality and helpfulness between those who offer service and those who are served. To this end our Librarian and her assistants have endeavored so far as possible to eliminate formality. They have avoided the appearance and attitude of “institutionalism” and have tried to make all our Library readers feel at home when they have come to the Library to ask questions concerning new books and seek information concerning Library material. For the cheerful and wholehearted service they have rendered, they deserve the thanks of the Board and their fellow citizens.

As the Board commented last year, Braintree is in the Class II division comprising towns and cities in the Commonwealth ranging in population between 10,000 and 25,000. There are 17 towns and cities in this classification. Braintree stands sixth with a population of 17,300. The highest in the group is Leominster with a population of 22,000; the lowest, North Attleboro with 10,300.

In order to qualify for good standing in Class II, a Library should meet four of the following requirements, two of which should be the starred items given in this summary:

- A. STAFF: The librarian and assistants needed to meet the demands of the service (on the basis of one full-time assistant for every 20,000 to 25,000 books circulated).
- B. BUDGET: \$1.00 per capita, minimum.
- *C. BOOK CIRCULATION: 7 per capita, minimum.
- D. REGISTERED BORROWERS: 40% of population.
- *E. HOURS OPEN: 48 up.
- F. COMPENSATION OF LIBRARIAN: (\$2,100 to \$2,700).

Thus far Braintree has met the standard set in only the two starred items of the six requirements!

In Item C, “Book Circulation,” our circulation is 10 per capita; well above the minimum of 7 required by the standard specifications.

In Item E, “Hours Open,” the Thayer Library is above the minimum requirement of 48 hours. The Library is open 57 hours a week. In this item, however, our Library stands very low in the comparative rating; fifteenth out of the seventeen towns in our classification. Only North Attleboro and Southbridge have their Libraries open a fewer number of hours. Compare Braintree's figure with Greenfield's 76

hours; Newburyport's 74 hours, and Weymouth's and Milton's with 72 hours each!

The reason for this is closely associated with our low rating in Item A, "The Staff." The minimum requirements call for one full-time assistant for every 20,000 to 25,000 book circulation. With Braintree's present circulation of approximately 170,000, we should have on our staff seven full-time assistants. As a matter of fact, in our present service we have only three full-time assistants serving their 40 hours a week; one assistant serving 30 hours; two serving 22½ hours; and one serving only 6 hours. These four part-time assistants, serving altogether 81 hours a week, are serving only one hour more than two full-time assistants. So, in the last analysis, we are almost two full-time assistants below the minimum requirements set up by the Massachusetts Library Association through its committee on standards.

Every year the Board of Trustees should make a determined effort to add to the number of working hours of its part-time assistants until our Library and its branches conform at least to minimum requirements.

Item D, "Registered Borrowers," the Board does not consider so important. Nevertheless, there is no reason why the number of registered borrowers should not more than exceed the 40% of our population fixed as a minimum standard. On the basis of our population of 17,300 during 1939, our registered borrowers should have been at least 6,920. The figures show the number of our borrowers to be 6,767; a shortage of 153.

This should be corrected in 1940. The Board is of the opinion that there are a number of persons representing families in the Town who are drawing books for the entire family on one Library card. Every member of the family old enough to register as a borrower should make application for a separate Library card. This would not only raise the number of our registered borrowers, but would also give additional information concerning our circulation.

Item F, "Compensation of Librarian," recommends \$2,100 as a minimum, \$100 as the annual increment of increase, and \$2,700 as a maximum salary. The salary we pay our Librarian at the present time is \$100 below the minimum salary recommended, and no provision has yet been made for annual increases. In our salary schedule we have a low rating among the towns of our group.

This brings me to the final item, "The Budget." The minimum requirement is \$1.00 per capita. The population of Braintree for 1938 was 17,122. On the basis of last year's population, the Library appropriation should have been \$17,122 as a minimum. As a matter of fact, it was \$14,866; \$2,256 below the minimum requirement!

The Board of Trustees has analyzed the items that deal with Library standards in order that the citizens of Braintree may know how the Town stands, in comparison with other Towns in the same class in the Commonwealth, in respect to the equipment and the scope of our Library service. A member of this Board is now serving both as Chairman of the Massachusetts Free Public Library Commission and on the Special Committee for the maintenance of high library standards throughout the Commonwealth. The Board regrets that he is called upon so often to explain as best he can why Library conditions in the Town of Braintree fall so far short of meeting the Library standards recommended. The pride and ambition of our citizens should be a powerful force during the next few years in raising to a higher level these Library standards.

Especially does the Board lament the utter inadequacy of the Thayer Public Library to meet modern day conditions. The Library has come to be, because of its hopelessly cramped quarters, little more than a storage space for books. The Librarian's quarters are crowded to the utmost and subject to frequent interruptions. The book stacks are crowded beyond capacity and there is no possible opportunity for expansion in the present building. The storage of books in the basement is deeply to be regretted; and the mending of books, a Library enterprise that concerns human beings, in a part of the room used for the storage of coal, is even more deplorable.

How urgently we need ample and comfortable space for our large reading public! How imperative is the demand that our books be so shelved that the public may examine and select at ease, without interfering with each other's comfort!

Mrs. William F. Rogers of the Board has set before us, in a single sentence, what should immediately be the goal of our endeavor: "The idea of an adequate modern Library building must be planted in the minds of our citizens NOW."

It is manifestly our duty, as Trustees of the Thayer Public Library, to impress this urgent need upon our fellow citizens with greater and even more forceful persistence until positive action is the inevitable result.

The Board of Trustees cannot bring this annual report to its close without calling to the attention of our fellow citizens the great loss the Library and its branches have sustained, through the death of Judge Albert E. Avery.

Judge Avery came on the Board as a life Trustee in December, 1908, and served continuously as a member until his death on November 21, 1939. Thirty-one years of Library service devoted to the welfare of this Town!

The Board remembers him as one who earnestly tried to encourage, in every possible way, the reading habits of our citizens and our youth. As a consequence, he was always vitally interested in the choice and variety of books and periodicals which our modest Library should offer the reading public of the Town. The standards which he set and the ideals which he tried to encourage, are indeed a vivid memory and a source of guidance and inspiration to the members of the Board.

That the memory of his life and example may stimulate all our citizens with a desire to concern themselves more deeply with the problems of the Thayer Public Library and its branches, is the hope and the earnest wish of every member of the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

STACY B. SOUTHWORTH, Chairman,
JOHN W. HARDING,
MABEL S. ROGERS,
CLARA G. WETHERBEE,

Trustees of Thayer Public Library.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THAYER PUBLIC LIBRARY

For the Year Ended December 30, 1939

Receipts:

Cash on deposit, January 1, 1939	\$2,940.40
Income from Foundation Fund	295.50
Income from Caleb Stetson Fund	62.50
Income from Rachel R. Thayer Fund	3.44
Income from Nathaniel H. Hunt Fund	708.23
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	\$4,010.07

Expenditures:

Purchase of Books	\$ 189.26
Rent Safe Deposit Box	5.50
Treasurer's Surety Bond	5.00
Printing, Postage & Supplies	36.15
Maintenance & Repairs	75.37
Cash on Deposit, December 30, 1939	3,698.79
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	\$4,010.07

FUNDS AND ASSETS OF THE TRUSTEES OF THAYER PUBLIC LIBRARY

December 30, 1939

FOUNDATION FUND

\$500. U. S. Treasury 3 1/4 % Note	\$ 500.00
Deposit, Quincy Savings Bank	1,000.00
Deposit, Weymouth Savings Bank	2,520.91
Deposit, Abington Savings Bank	1,000.00
Deposit, Hingham Inst. for Savings	1,000.00
Deposit, Braintree Savings Bank	5,000.00
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	\$11,020.91

CALEB STETSON FUND

Deposit, Quincy Savings Bank	\$ 1,000.00
Deposit, Braintree Savings Bank	1,500.00
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	\$ 2,500.00

RACHEL R. THAYER FUND

Deposit, Home Savings Bank, Boston	\$ 172.50
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BRAINTREE SCHOOL FUND

In accordance with the advice of the State auditors, this fund is not treated as a trust fund of the town, but is administered by the Trustees of the Braintree School Fund, an incorporated body; and, following a vote of the town, the income is used for scholarships awarded to graduates of the Braintree High School to be applied toward first year's expenses in pursuing higher education.

The following is a summary of the 1939 receipts and expenses.

Receipts	
Balance January 1, 1939	\$ 588.90
Rent	313.00
Interest on deposits	138.73
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	\$1,040.63

Payments	
Repairs on property	\$ 30.30
Taxes	132.86
Scholarships	300.00
Balance Dec. 31, 1939	577.47
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	\$1,040.63

Scholarships were awarded in 1939 to the following graduates of the Braintree High School.

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|-------------------|-----------------|
| Robert W. Maxwell | Marion Tobin |
| Ruth D. Shedd | William Trainor |

Trustees of Braintree School Fund by
JOHN W. HARDING, Chairman
OTIS B. OAKMAN, Treasurer

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
Board of Assessors
OF THE
Town of Braintree
FROM
December 31, '38 to December 31, '39.

1939 RECAPITULATION

CITY OR TOWN:

All Appropriations Voted Since 1938 Tax Rate Was Fixed Must Be Included.—General, Water and Light.

Total appropriations as certified by city or town clerk to be raised by taxation, G. L. C. 41, §15A \$1,114,889.13

Total appropriations voted to be taken from available funds, G. L. C. 59 §23 (1938, 175, §2) :

In 1939 \$154,892.97
In 1938, since 1938 tax rate was fixed 8,617.39

Final Court judgments ascertained, G. L. C. 59, §23 (1938, 175, §2) \$1,278,399.49
8,218.60

Deficits due to abatements in excess of overlay of prior years, G. L. C. 59, §23 (1938, 175, §2) :

Of year 1936.....\$ 16.52
Of year 1937..... 992.04

Total deficits to be carried to outside column..... 1,008.56

Any other amount required to be raised :

Final Tax Judgments 98.84

STATE: Tax and Assessments:

	1939	1938
State Tax	Estimates	Underestimates
Abatement of Smoke Nuisance.....	\$ 76,140.00	\$ 38,070.00
Auditing Municipal Accounts.....	284.22	.....
Hospital and home care for Civil War veterans.....	2,874.64	.....
West Roxbury-Brookline Parkway.....	120.00	2.50
		.20

Additional State Assessments:

(Metropolitan District—1939 Estimates)

Charles River Basin Loan Fund	3,115.61	
Met. Parks Loan Sinking Fund	11,660.59	
Met. Planning Division	168.10	
Met. Parks Loan Sinking Fund—Series 2	1,276.36	
Met. Parks Loan Fund—Nantasket Maintenance	827.84	
Wellington Bridge Maintenance	25.24	
Met. Sewerage Loan Sinking Fund—South System	21,973.87	
Sum of totals to be carried to outside column	<u>\$118,466.47</u>	<u>\$ 38,072.70</u>
		156,539.17

COUNTY: Tax and Assessments:

County Tax	\$ 26,397.27	\$ 137.23
Tuberculosis Hospital	9,733.51	
Sum of totals to be carried to outside column	<u>\$ 36,130.78</u>	<u>\$ 137.23</u>
OVERLAY of current year		36,268.01
		18,556.89

GROSS AMOUNT TO BE RAISED

\$1,499,089.56

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND AVAILABLE FUNDS

Income Tax			
Corporation Taxes		\$ 76,852.66	
Reimbursement on account of state owned land		32,213.53	
Motor Vehicle Excise		44,129.35	
Licenses		7,263.03	
Fines		109.50	
Special Assessments		8,479.49	
General Government		445.80	
Protection of Persons and Property		1,731.91	
Health and Sanitation		3,577.20	

} Use total amounts certified to you by the Commissioner of Corporations and Taxation (from Col. 3 of Cherry Sheet)

Highways	168.11
Charities (other than federal grants for aid to dependent children)	32,622.91
Old Age Assistance (other than federal grants)	33,469.16
Soldiers' Benefits	781.18
Schools	2,373.57
Libraries	738.80
Veterans' Exemption	242.87
Public Service Enterprises (such as Water Department, etc.)	96,132.44
Cemeteries (other than trust funds and sale of lots)	184.00
Interest on Deposits	30.82
Interest on Taxes and Assessments	9,516.99
Miscellaneous	4,934.13
Chapter 232—Acts of 1939	38,983.22

Total Estimated Receipts.....
\$394,980.67

Overestimates of previous year to be used as available funds (from Col. 4 of Cherry Sheet) :

Charles River Basin Loan Fund.....	\$ 138.08
Met. Parks Loan Sinking Fund.....	507.31
Met. Planning Division.....	7.90
Met. Parks Loan Fund—Nantasket Maintenance.....	1.74
Wellington Bridge—Maintenance	3.93
Met. Water Loan Sinking Fund.....	1,104.47
Abatement of Smoke Nuisance.....	2.73
Fore River Bridge.....	2,600.00
Land Takings, Revere Highway.....	144.25

\$4,510.41

Appropriations voted by town meeting or city government to be taken from available funds :

July 11, 1939 (Enter amount and date of approval by Commr.)	\$ 8,617.39
July 11, 1939.....	49,596.50
July 11, 1939.....	50,000.00
July 11, 1939.....	55,296.47

163,510.36

Total Available Funds.....	\$168,020.77	
Total Estimated Receipts and Available Funds.....		563,001.44
		<u>\$936,088.12</u>
Net Amount to be Raised by Taxation on Polls and Property.....		
Number of Polls: 5,704 at \$2.00, Poll Tax	\$ 11,408.00	
Total Valuation at Tax Rate of \$36.40: Personal Property \$775,550.00	28,230.02	
Real Estate: \$24,627,750.00.....	896,450.10	
		<u>\$936,088.12</u>
Not entering into the determination of the tax rate.		
Betterment and Special Assessments:		
1939 Apportioned Betterment Assessments—Street.....	\$ 1,708.40	
1939 Committed Interest on above.....	191.35	
1939 Apportioned Betterment Assessments—Sewer Service	1,237.58	
1939 Committed Interest on above	602.30	
1939 Apportioned Betterment Assessments—Sewer	12,431.83	
1939 Committed Interest on above	4,709.81	
		<u>20,881.27</u>
Total Assessments Committed.....		
Total amount of all taxes and assessments on polls and property committed to the collector in 1939	\$	<u>956,969.39</u>

TABLE OF AGGREGATES

OF POLLS, PROPERTY, AND TAXES, AS ASSESSED JANUARY 1, 1939
FOR BRAINTREE

COMPILED FROM THE FIGURES ENTERED
IN THE VALUATION LIST

Not including figures relating to EXEMPTED PROPERTY or to the
MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE

Item

No.	NUMBER OF PERSONS ASSESSED	<i>Individuals</i>	<i>All Others</i>	<i>Total</i>
1	On Personal Estate Only.....	314	56	370
2	On Real Estate Only.....	2,602	1,606	4,208
3	On Both Personal and Real Estate.....	95	15	110
4	Total Number of Persons Assessed			4,688
5	NUMBER OF MALE POLLS ASSESSED			5,704

VALUE OF ASSESSED PERSONAL ESTATE

6	Stock in Trade.....	\$ 69,450.00	
7	Machinery	153,550.00	
8	Live Stock	15,250.00	
9	All Other Tangible Personal Property.....	537,300.00	
10	Total Value of Assessed Personal Estate		\$ 775,550.00

VALUE OF ASSESSED REAL ESTATE

11	Buildings exclusive of Land.....	\$17,088,825.00	
12	Land exclusive of Buildings	7,538,925.00	
13	Total Value of Assessed Real Estate		\$24,627,750.00
14	TOTAL VALUATION OF ASSESSED ESTATE		\$25,403,300.00
15	TAX RATE PER \$1,000 — \$36.40		

TAXES FOR STATE, COUNTY, AND CITY OR TOWN PURPOSES, INCLUDING OVERLAY

16	On Personal Estate (Item 10 x 15).....	\$ 28,230.02	
17	On Real Estate (Item 13 x Item 15).....	896,450.10	
18	On Polls (Item 5 x \$2.00).....	11,408.00	
19	TOTAL TAXES ASSESSED.....		\$936,088.12

NUMBER OF LIVE STOCK ASSESSED

20	Horses (1 year old, or over).....	49
	Neat Cattle:	
21	Cows (Milch) (1 year old, or over).....	76
22	Yearlings, bulls, heifers, etc. (1 year old, or over).....	4
23	Swine (6 months old, or over).....	868
24	Sheep (6 months old, or over).....	37
25	Fowl	2,532
26	All Other	14
27	NUMBER OF DWELLING HOUSES ASSESSED*.....	4,242
	* Each building used as a dwelling counted as ONE without regard to the number of families housed.	
28	NUMBER OF ACRES OF LAND ASSESSED.....	8,407

It is hereby certified that the foregoing is a full and true copy of the Table of Aggregates as it appears in the Valuation List, according to our best knowledge and belief.

Subscribed this first day of September, 1939, under the penalties of perjury.

NORRIS H. PINAULT, Chairman
WALTER B. SKINNER, Clerk
FRED AUSTERBERRY
Board of Assessors of Braintree.

September 1, 1939

REPORT OF THE W.P.A. OFFICE

February 1, 1940.

Board of Selectmen
Town Hall
South Braintree, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

I present herewith as W.P.A. Sponsor's Agent, the annual report for 1939.

During the year there have been 237 applications for work, and the employment ratio averaged 268 persons monthly.

Under the able supervision of Mr. Wentworth of the Highway Department, there were constructed through Federal grants 2,450 Lin. Ft. of streets, 3,546 Lin. Ft. of curbing, 7,778 Lin. Ft. of sidewalks, and 4,502 Lin. Ft. of drains. A more detailed report of these operations may be found in the report of the Highway Department.

Plain Street Cemetery—This project has moved apace throughout the year. A wall of 910 feet in length averaging 5 feet in height has been constructed under the supervision of Herbert F. Stackhouse, Superintendent of the Plain Street Cemetery.

Book Binding Project—Working in conjunction with the Thayer Public Library, this work has been of a book binding and book repair nature. Some 12,000 books have been repaired representing a considerable saving of moneys to the town.

Statistical Project—This unit has been engaged in research work of important historical value to the town, and has performed efficiently.

Household Aid—This department in my opinion is a most important one and should be encouraged to greater effort. The work being accomplished under the capable direction of Miss Winifred Drinkwater, has enabled W.P.A. employees to carry on without loss of employment in the event of family illness, thereby eliminating certain supplementary aid which would otherwise be necessary.

Recreation Project—The nature of this work affords opportunity for young and old alike for greater skill and learning as well as recreation. Under the supervision of Patrick Cronin, this department has been efficiently and conscientiously conducted.

Sewing Project—Work on this project is continuing efficiently and the results derived are very beneficial to many of our townspeople.

N. Y. A.—This movement effecting the young people has served as a trade school and higher learning. Many of them have secured excellent positions in private employment as a result of this training.

I am pleased to report that the relations between this office and the W.P.A. officials has been most cordial and they have co-operated fully in all undertakings.

Very truly yours,

GEORGE A. SHORTLE,

Sponsor's Agent.

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
Town Accountant
OF THE
Town of Braintree
Year 1939

TOWN OF BRAINTREE

BALANCE SHEET — DECEMBER 31, 1939

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

ASSETS

Cash—General		\$364,530.23
Accounts Receivable:		
Taxes:		
Levy of 1938—Real	\$ 55,146.90	
Levy of 1938—Personal	901.53	
Levy of 1938 Poll	36.00	
Levy of 1939—Real	240,632.41	
Levy of 1939—Personal	3,562.20	
Levy of 1939—Poll	692.00	
		<u>300,971.04</u>
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes:		
Levy of 1938	77.73	
Levy of 1939	1,121.34	
		<u>1,199.07</u>
Special Assessments:		
Sewer:		
Unapportioned Not Added to Taxes	\$ 2,463.18	
Apportioned 1938	1,256.20	
Apportioned 1939	4,557.28	
Sewer House Connections:		
Unapportioned	3,654.81	
Apportioned 1938	67.64	
Apportioned 1939	444.54	
Streets:		
Apportioned 1938	71.20	
Apportioned 1939	477.30	
Committed Interest:		
Levy of 1938	553.58	
Levy of 1939	1,979.07	
		<u>15,524.80</u>
Tax Title Possessions:		
Tax Titles	\$ 39,112.38	
Tax Title Possessions	49,234.90	
		<u>88,347.28</u>
Departmental:		
A.D.C. "118"	\$ 2,179.56	
Welfare	12,242.74	
Old Age Assistance	890.48	
Health	3,066.74	
		<u>18,379.52</u>
State Aid to Highways		10.86
Water Dept.—Rates, etc.		24,266.33
Electric Light		44,749.62

Unprovided for and Overdrawn Accounts:

Underestimates:

Metropolitan Planning Division	\$ 6.92	
W. Roxbury-Brookline Parkway08	
Execution of Judgment	572.46	579.46
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Final Tax Judgments:	78.69	
Overlay Deficits—1926	13.12	
Overlay Deficits—1927	27.52	
Overlay Deficits—1928	24.32	
Overlay Deficits—1929	25.92	
Overlay Deficits—1930	24.64	
Overlay Deficits—1931	24.64	
Overlay Deficits—1932	34.54	
Overlay Deficits—1933	42.00	
Overlay Deficits—1934	20.40	
Overlay Deficits—1935	20.88	
Overlay Deficits—1936	236.54	
Overlay Deficits—1937	259.50	832.71
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		<u>\$859,390.92</u>

LIABILITIES AND RESERVES

Temporary Loans:

In anticipation of 1939 Revenue	\$200,000.00
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Tailings:

Unclaimed Checks	3,035.41
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Trust Fund Income:

Charles Thayer	\$ 391.40	
Geo W. Kelley45	
Charles E. French	30.24	
Joseph S. Miller	1.64	
Ann M. Penniman	53.09	
Julia A. Minchin	5.82	
Avis A. Thayer	7.68	
Braintree Tercentenary	22.10	
Hannah R. Hollis	4.11	516.53
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Federal Grants:

Sewer P.W.A. Reserved for Maturing Debt	8,877.77
Sewer Receipts—Reserved for Appropriation	20,935.29
Electric Light Available Surplus	3,577.63
Water Dept. Available Surplus	13,008.49
Sale of Real Estate	1,600.00
Dog Licenses—County	19.20
Overlay 1938 Taxes \$	4,291.70
Overlay 1939 Taxes	1,149.36
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	5,441.06

Unexpended Appropriation Balances:

Revenue:

Highways Chapter 90	\$ 5,999.94	
Highways W.P.A. Activities	7.89	
Electric Light Depreciation Fund	146,622.31	
Survey of Braintree School System	1,897.52	
Electric Light Construction Account ..	40,000.00	194,527.66
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Non Revenue:

Sewer Drainage Study	925.85
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Revenue—Reserved Until Collected:

Motor Vehicle Excise Tax	\$ 1,199.07	
Special Assessment Revenue	15,524.80	
Tax Title Revenue	88,347.28	
Departmental Revenue	18,379.52	
Water Department Revenue	24,266.33	
Electric Light Dept. Revenue	44,749.62	
State Aid to Highways	10.86	
Abatement of Smoke Nuisance	3.44	
Charles River Basin Loan	402.67	
Metropolitan Park Loan Fund	2,075.85	
Metropolitan Park Loan Nantasket	137.46	
Wellington Bridge	3.86	
Metropolitan Sewer Loan South System	382.47	
		195,483.23
Surplus Revenue—E. & D.		\$211,442.80
		<u>\$859,390.92</u>

DEFERRED REVENUE ACCOUNTS

Apportioned Assessments Not Due:

Sewer	\$ 64,968.41
Sewer House Connections	8,324.00
Streets	1,481.00

Apportioned Sewer Assessment Revenue:

Due in 1940	\$ 12,163.18
Due in 1941	12,110.18
Due in 1942	12,013.18
Due in 1943	11,992.17
Due in 1944	9,358.92
Due in 1945	4,270.92
Due in 1946	1,772.92
Due in 1947	1,167.94
Due in 1948	119.00
	<u>\$ 64,968.41</u>

Apportioned Sewer House Connection Revenue:

Due in 1940	\$ 1,114.00
Due in 1941	1,109.00
Due in 1942	1,079.00
Due in 1943	1,059.00
Due in 1944	1,029.00
Due in 1945	995.00
Due in 1946	990.00
Due in 1947	686.00
Due in 1948	263.00
	<u>8,324.00</u>

Apportioned Street Assessment Revenue:

Due in 1940	\$ 781.00
Due in 1941	700.00
	<u>1,481.00</u>
	<u><u>\$ 74,773.41</u></u>

DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded or Fixed Debt	\$716,680.70	Police & Fire Station Loan	\$ 44,000.00
		Sewerage Loan	494,000.00
		School Loan	148,000.00
		Water Mains & Standpipe Loan	3,000.00
		Emergency Finance Loan	27,680.70
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	<u>\$716,680.70</u>		
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TRUST ACCOUNTS

Trust Funds:		In Custody of Town Treasurer:	
Cash & Securities in Custody		Charles Thayer	\$ 20,329.06
of Town Treasurer	\$ 62,309.39	Ann Penniman School Fund	500.00
		Geo. W. Kelley Cemetery Fund	200.00
		Charles E. French Fund	2,419.50
		Nathaniel E. Hunt Library Fund	24,276.99
		Hannah R. Hollis Cemetery	
		Fund	100.00
		Julia A. Minchin Fund	100.00
		Braintree Tercentenary Fund	66.77
		Library Foundation Fund	11,020.91
		Caleb Stetson Library Fund	2,500.00
		Rachel R. Thayer Library Fund	172.50
		Avis A. Thayer School Fund	500.00
		J. S. Miller Fund	123.66
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	<u>\$ 62,309.39</u>		\$ 62,309.39
	<u><u>\$ 62,309.39</u></u>		<u><u>\$ 62,309.39</u></u>

RETIREMENT SYSTEM ACCOUNTS

Cash and Securities	\$ 49,173.81	Annuity Savings Fund	\$ 22,260.41
Income Fund	578.15	Expense Fund	71.03
		Pension Accumulation Fund	26,309.35
		Annuity Reserve Fund	1,111.17
			<u>\$ 49,751.96</u>
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Respectfully Submitted,

R. W. MAGLATHLIN,

Town Accountant.

1939 RECAPITULATION

LEDGER ACCOUNTS

	Balance Jan. 1 1939	Appropriations	Receipts
GENERAL GOVERNMENT			
Moderator		\$25.00	.....
Finance Comm. Sec'y.....		250.00	.....
Finance Comm. Expenses.....		650.00	.....
Accountant—Salary		2,000.00	.....
Secretary		936.00	.....
Expenses		355.50	.....
Selectmen—(3) Salaries		1,837.50	.....
Secretary		1,296.00	.....
Expenses		1,000.00	.....
Treasurer—Salary		2,000.00	.....
Clerical (2)		1,872.00	.....
Expenses		4,500.00	.....
Collector—Salary		2,000.00	.....
Deputy Collector.....		1,300.00	.....
Clerical		1,460.00	.....
Expenses—Bond, etc.		2,090.00	.....
Rec. Deeds & Advertising		900.00	.....
Assessors—(3) Salaries		3,000.00	.....
Clerks (3)		3,289.00	.....
Expenses		1,755.00	.....
Investigation		100.00	.....
Law—Town Counsel's Salary.....		2,000.00	.....
Expenses		850.00	.....
Settlement Suits vs. Town.....		1,500.00	.....
Final Judgments
Land Damages—Union St.....		
Land Damages		5,000.00	.....
Town Clerk's Salary.....		2,000.00	.....
Expenses		1,112.00	.....
Registration—Clerical		390.00	.....
Salaries (3)		300.00	.....
Extra Compensation		1,000.00	.....
Expenses		1,650.00	.....
Election Officials & Janitors.....		641.00	.....
Expenses		894.60	.....
Engineering Dept.—Salary Engineer		2,500.00	.....
Salaries		3,656.00	.....
Maintenance & Supplies.....		715.00	.....
Town Hall—Janitors (2)		2,504.00	.....
Maintenance		2,700.00	.....
Fire & Police Sta.—Maint.		1,200.00	.....
Oil		1,100.00	.....
Planning Board		200.00	.....
PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY			
Police Dept.—Salaries		38,725.00	.....
Vacations		1,209.60	.....
Janitor		975.00	.....

Transfers	Refunds	Total	Expended	Closed to Revenue, etc.	Balance Dec. 31 1939	Transfers Out
.....	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	.....	.....	.....
.....	250.00	250.00	.....	.....	.....
.....	650.00	274.60	\$ 375.40	.....	.....
.....	2,000.00	2,000.00	.....	.....	.....
.....	936.00	808.00	128.00	.....	.....
\$ 136.00	491.50	379.82	111.68	.....	.....
.....	1,837.50	1,837.50	.....	.....	.....
.....	1,296.00	1,296.00	.....	.....	.....
290.00	1,290.00	1,289.31	.69	.....	.....
.....	2,000.00	2,000.00	.....	.....	.....
.....	1,872.00	1,872.00	.....	.....	.....
432.00	\$200.79	5,132.79	3,021.87	2,110.92	.....	.....
.....	2,000.00	2,000.00	.....	.....	.....
.....	1,300.00	1,300.00	.....	.....	.....
.....	1,460.00	1,385.90	74.10	.....	.....
.....	2,090.00	2,021.56	68.44	.....	.....
.....	900.00	605.39	294.61	.....	.....
.....	3,000.00	3,000.00	.....	.....	.....
.....	3,289.00	3,289.00	.....	.....	.....
.....	1,755.00	1,751.74	3.26	.....	.....
.....	100.00	.....	100.00	.....	.....
.....	2,000.00	2,000.00	.....	.....	.....
.....	850.00	692.24	157.76	.....	.....
.....	1,500.00	760.16	739.84	.....	.....
.....	573.00	1,145.46	.....	\$572.46	.....
.....	7,645.60	7,645.60	.....	.....	.....
.....	5,000.00	2,342.85	2,657.15	.....	.....
.....	2,000.00	2,000.00	.....	.....	.....
.....	1,112.00	1,111.65	.35	.....	.....
.....	390.00	390.00	.....	.....	.....
.....	300.00	300.00	.....	.....	.....
.....	1,000.00	1,000.00	.....	.....	.....
180.00	1,830.00	1,682.24	147.76	.....	.....
.....	641.00	641.00	.....	.....	.....
.....	894.60	888.29	6.31	.....	.....
.....	2,500.00	2,500.00	.....	.....	.....
.....	3,656.00	3,656.00	.....	.....	.....
.....	715.00	659.87	55.13	.....	.....
.....	2,504.00	2,504.00	.....	.....	.....
.....	2,700.00	2,695.86	4.14	.....	.....
496.49	1,696.49	1,683.79	12.70	.....	.....
.....	1,100.00	1,099.94	.06	.....	.....
.....	200.00	200.00	.....	.....	.....
.....
43.95	38,768.95	38,743.85	25.10	.....	.....
.....	1,209.60	1,209.60	.....	.....	.....
.....	975.00	975.00	.....	.....	.....

	Balance Jan. 1 1939	Appropriations	Receipts
Sickness		400.00	.....
Pension—Chief		1,250.00	.....
Pension—Patrolmen (2)		2,000.00	.....
Dog Officer		200.00	.....
Expenses		2,772.30	.....
Automobiles (2)		500.00	.....
Fire Dept.—Salaries		39,286.46	.....
Expenses		4,620.00	.....
Chief's Car		200.00	.....
New Ladder Equipment		1,000.00	.....
Repairing Ladder Truck		189.80	.....
Tires & Tubes—Ladder Truck		128.00	.....
Fire Alarm—Repairman		2,000.00	.....
Extra Help & Vacations		565.38	.....
Maintenance		1,585.00	.....
Inspector of Buildings—Salary		1,000.00	.....
Expenses		100.00	.....
Sealer Wgths. & Measures—Salary..		375.00	.....
Expenses		200.00	.....
Tree Warden		300.00	.....
W.P.A. Admr. Expense, etc.....	6,194.98	46,000.00	.....
HEALTH AND SANITATION			
Health—Salaries (3)		300.00	.....
Officer		1,750.00	.....
Expenses		650.00	.....
Contagious Diseases		9,000.00	.....
Garbage Collection		2,000.00	.....
Inspector Meat & Provisions.....		.....	.....
Testing of Milk		100.00	.....
Inspector of Slaughtering		75.00	.....
Inspector of Plumbing		1,600.00	.....
Inspector of Animals		200.00	.....
Dental Clinic		2,500.00	.....
Diphtheria Clinic		325.00	.....
T. B. Prevention		480.00	.....
Vital Statistics		50.00	.....
Rabies Clinic		50.00	.....
Sewerage—Maintenance		9,700.00	.....
House Connections		7,500.00	.....
Drainage Study	1,001.47	.....	.....
Wey. Art Leather Line .....		.....	.....
Commissioners' Salaries (3)		300.00	.....
Myrtle Ave. Line.....		.....	.....
HIGHWAYS			
Salary of Superintendent		3,000.00	.....
General Maintenance		53,500.00	.....
Snow Removal		15,000.00	.....
Chapter 90—Church St.	1,471.86	8,000.00	7,654.10
Chapter 500	6,143.09	.....	.....
Dump Trucks		4,500.00	.....
Two Tractors		1,750.00	.....
Rubbish Collection		2,500.00	.....
Street Lighting		12,000.00	.....
New Construction			
Elm St. Hill		1,800.00	.....
Wildwood Ave.—Highland's School...		900.00	.....

Transfers	Refunds	Total	Expended	Closed to Revenue, etc.	Balance Dec. 31 1939	Transfers Out
.....	400.00	397.80	2.20	.....	.....
.....	1,250.00	1,250.00	.....	.....	.....
.....	2,000.00	2,000.00	.....	.....	.....
.....	200.00	200.00	.....	.....	.....
.....	2,772.30	2,754.96	17.34	.....	.....
.....	500.00	500.00	.....	.....	.....
207.00	39,493.46	39,366.25	127.21	.....	.....
211.41	25.16	4,856.57	4,718.29	138.28	.....	.....
.....	200.00	200.00	.....	.....	.....
.....	1,000.00	970.20	29.80	.....	.....
.....	189.80	187.90	1.90	.....	.....
.....	128.00	128.00	.....	.....	.....
.....	2,000.00	2,000.00	.....	.....	.....
.....	565.38	540.00	25.38	.....	.....
.....	1,585.00	1,362.68	222.32	.....	.....
.....	1,000.00	1,000.00	.....	.....	.....
.....	100.00	100.00	.....	.....	.....
.....	375.00	375.00	.....	.....	.....
.....	200.00	194.30	5.70	.....	.....
.....	300.00	187.25	112.75	.....	.....
3,570.63	29.66	55,795.27	55,787.38	.....	7.89	.....
.....	300.00	300.00	.....	.....	.....
.....	1,750.00	1,750.00	.....	.....	.....
.....	650.00	648.71	1.29	.....	.....
103.61	9,103.61	9,103.61	.....	.....	.....
.....	2,000.00	1,799.94	200.06	.....	.....
.....	59.00	.....	.....	59.00
.....	100.00	82.46	17.54	.....	.....
.....	75.00	75.00	.....	.....	.....
.....	1,600.00	1,329.90	270.10	.....	.....
.....	200.00	200.00	.....	.....	.....
.....	2,500.00	2,499.23	.77	.....	.....
.....	325.00	316.69	8.31	.....	.....
.....	480.00	480.00	.....	.....	.....
.....	50.00	50.00	.....	.....	.....
.....	50.00	41.89	8.11	.....	.....
.....	3.00	9,703.00	9,537.46	165.54	.....	.....
.....	7,500.00	5,629.22	1,870.78	.....	.....
.....	1,001.47	75.62	.....	925.85	.....
900.00	900.00	892.68	87.32	.....	.....
.....	300.00	300.00	.....	.....	.....
1,500.00	1,500.00	1,454.11	45.89	.....	.....
.....	3,000.00	3,000.00	.....	.....	.....
170.67	7.60	53,678.27	53,541.48	136.79	.....	.....
.....	4.75	15,004.75	13,425.10	1,579.65	.....	.....
.....	17,125.96	11,126.02	.....	5,999.94	.....
.....	11.81	6,154.90	873.95	.....	.....	5,280.95
.....	4,500.00	4,488.00	12.00	.....	.....
.....	1,750.00	1,717.60	32.40	.....	.....
.....	2,500.00	1,762.24	737.76	.....	.....
.....	12,000.00	12,000.00	.....	.....	.....
.....	1,800.00	1,710.77	89.23	.....	.....
.....	900.00	898.90	1.10	.....	.....

	Balance Jan. 1 1939	Appropriations	Receipts
Hancock St.—west side		660.00	
Liberty Park Ave.—east side		90.00	
Braintree Square Drain		823.00	
Mill Lane Drain		670.00	
Railroad St.—Elm St.—River St.....			
Moth Dept.—Repairs to Equipment.....		940.00	
Labor		2,000.00	
Salary Supt.		125.00	
Expenses		600.00	
CHARITIES & SOLDIERS' BENEFITS			
Board Public Welfare—Salaries (3)		565.40	
Administrator		2,500.00	
Visitors (2)		2,420.00	
Clerk		908.00	
Bookkeeper		1,560.00	
Office Supplies		390.00	
Auto Expense & Supplies		900.00	
Temporary Aid		90,000.00	
A.D.C. "118" Administration			
A.D.C. "118"		16,500.00	
Old Age Assistance—Supervisor		1,560.00	
Clerk		1,000.00	
Office Expense		230.00	
Auto Expense		200.00	
New Auto		790.00	
Old Age Assistance		78,000.00	
Infirmery—Supt. Salary		1,200.00	
Labor		900.00	
Expenses		4,762.00	
Soldiers Relief		18,798.00	
Office Expense		225.00	
Agent		1,300.00	
Auto Expense		175.00	
State Aid & Soldiers Burials		1,250.00	
Military Aid		1,800.00	
SCHOOLS			
Salary of Superintendent		4,500.00	
Other Salaries		216,400.00	
Text Books		8,000.00	
Expenses		43,425.00	
Supplies		9,000.00	
Sprinkler System—Penniman School		2,000.00	
Survey School System		2,000.00	
Monatiquot School Grounds Lot 8....		625.00	
Deferred Teachers' Salaries.....	7,294.32		
New Southwest School	332.25		
LIBRARY			
Salaries		8,100.00	
Janitors Salaries		616.00	
General Expense		6,150.00	250.00
RECREATION			
Parks & Playgrounds—P. 1 & 2.....		925.00	75.00
Parks & Playgrounds—P. 3 & 4.....		275.00	575.00
Parks & Playgrounds—P. 5 & 6.....		425.00	75.00
Organized Play		700.00	
Park Dept.—Chain Link Fence		319.00	
Maturing Debt		92,000.00	
1937 Overdrafts			

Transfers	Refunds	Total	Expended	Closed to Revenue, etc.	Balance Dec. 31 1939	Transfers Out
.....	660.00	650.36	9.64	.....	.....
.....	90.00	88.59	1.41	.....	.....
.....	823.00	816.54	6.46	.....	.....
12.26	682.26	682.26	.....	.....	.....
5,315.25	5,315.25	5,313.88	1.37	.....	.....
.....	940.00	933.43	6.57	.....	.....
.....	2,000.00	1,999.49	.51	.....	.....
.....	125.00	125.00	.....	.....	.....
175.00	775.00	648.14	126.86	.....	.....
.....	565.40	565.40	.....	.....	.....
.....	2,500.00	2,500.00	.....	.....	.....
.....	2,420.00	2,420.00	.....	.....	.....
.....	908.00	893.00	15.00	.....	.....
.....	1,560.00	1,376.00	184.00	.....	.....
.....	390.00	387.16	2.84	.....	.....
197.95	1,097.95	1,087.92	10.03	.....	.....
4.92	185.10	90,190.02	89,819.96	370.06	.....	.....
431.44	431.44	147.49	283.95	.....	.....
3,402.07	81.00	19,983.07	19,799.56	183.51	.....	.....
.....	1,560.00	1,560.00	.....	.....	.....
.....	1,000.00	1,000.00	.....	.....	.....
.....	230.00	216.01	13.99	.....	.....
.....	200.00	169.56	30.44	.....	.....
.....	790.00	710.33	79.67	.....	.....
5,306.96	83,306.96	71,153.69	12,153.27	.....	.....
.....	1,200.00	1,200.00	.....	.....	.....
.....	900.00	884.00	16.00	.....	.....
2.26	4,764.26	4,764.23	.03	.....	.....
61.86	50.00	18,909.86	17,773.52	1,136.34	.....	.....
6.02	231.02	206.43	24.59	.....	.....
.....	1,300.00	1,300.00	.....	.....	.....
.....	175.00	175.00	.....	.....	.....
190.00	50.00	1,490.00	1,014.00	476.00	.....	.....
160.00	1,960.00	1,180.00	780.00	.....	.....
.....	4,500.00	4,500.00	.....	.....	.....
50,197.91	266,597.91	265,194.63	1,403.28	.....	.....
.....	1.00	8,001.00	7,993.32	7.68	.....	.....
78.00	43,503.00	42,443.64	1,059.36	.....	.....
.....	9,000.00	8,996.87	3.13	.....	.....
.....	2,000.00	1,993.51	6.49	.....	.....
.....	2,000.00	102.48	.....	1,897.52	.....
.....	625.00	625.00	.....	.....	.....
.....	7,294.32	7,294.32	.....	.....	.....
.....	332.25	99.00	.....	.....	233.25
.....	8,100.00	8,083.07	16.93	.....	.....
.....	616.00	616.00	.....	.....	.....
.....	3.00	6,403.00	6,400.30	2.70	.....	.....
.....	1,000.00	999.78	.22	.....	.....
.....	850.00	845.54	4.46	.....	.....
.....	500.00	500.00	.....	.....	.....
.....	700.00	699.42	.58	.....	.....
.....	319.00	319.00	.....	.....	.....
3,000.00	95,000.00	95,000.00	.....	.....	.....
55,296.47	55,296.47	.....	.....	.....	55,296.47

	Balance Jan. 1 1939	Appropriations	Receipts
INCOME FROM TRUST FUNDS			
N. H. Hunt			708.23
Charles Thayer	460.81		515.59
George W. Kelley .....	.43		5.02
Chas. E. French	30.24		60.85
Joseph S. Miller	1.54		3.10
Ann M. Penniman	59.28		13.81
Julia A. Minchin	7.18		2.64
Avis A. Thayer	7.08		12.60
Braintree Tercentenary	19.94		2.16
Hannah R. Hollis	6.52		2.59
STATE TAX & ASSESSMENTS			
1939 State Tax			
Norfolk County Hospital			
Abatement of Smoke Nuisance			
Auditing Municipal Accounts			
Hospital & Home Care for C.W. Vets			
Charles River Basin Loan			
Met. Park Loan Fund			
Met. Planning Division			
Met. Park Loan Nantasket Maint....			
Met. Park Loan Series 2			
Wellington Bridge			
Met. Sewer Loan So. System			
West Roxbury—Brookline Parkway..			
1938 State Tax	38,070.00 Dr.		
Met. Park Loan	507.31		
Charles River Basin.....	138.08		
County Tax	862.77		
Met. Sewer Loan So. System.....	1,104.47		
Division Met. Planning	7.90		
Abatement Smoke Nuisance	2.73		
Hospital & Home Care for C.W. Vets	2.50 Dr.		
Revere Land Taking	144.25		
Fore River Bridge Draw	2,600.00		
Met. Parks—Nantasket	1.74		
Wellington Bridge	3.93		
Penalty for Failure to file Returns..	18.00 Dr.		
West Roxbury-Brookline Parkway ....	.20 Dr.		
UNCLASSIFIED			
Lifeguard—Sunset Lake		300.00	
General Govt.—Misc.		1,000.00	
Finance Comm.—Spec. Reserve		10,000.00	
Insurance		6,682.43	
Legion Building		1,000.00	
W.P.A. Heating System	900.00		
Town Reports		1,370.90	
Memorial Day		500.00	
Unpaid Bills prior to 1939		2,878.85	
ENTERPRISES AND CEMETERIES			
Water Dept.—Maintenance		95,532.44	
Filtration Plant	175.07		
Commercial Pipe Line	556.99		
Dike—Great Pond	103.08		
Surplus	6,336.97		

Transfers	Refunds	Total	Expended	Closed to Revenue, etc.	Balance Dec. 31 1939	Transfers Out
.....	708.23	708.23	.....	.....	.....
.....	976.40	585.00	.....	391.40	.....
.....	5.45	5.00	.....	.45	.....
.....	91.09	60.85	.....	30.24	.....
.....	4.64	3.00	.....	.....	.....
.....	73.09	20.00	.....	53.09	.....
.....	9.82	4.00	.....	5.82	.....
.....	19.68	12.00	.....	7.68	.....
.....	22.10	.....	.....	22.10	.....
.....	9.11	5.00	.....	4.11	.....
76,140.00	76,140.00	76,140.00	.....	.....	.....
26,397.27	26,397.27	26,397.27	.....	.....	.....
284.22	284.22	280.78	.....	3.44	.....
2,874.64	2,874.64	2,874.64	.....	.....	.....
120.00	120.00	120.00	.....	.....	.....
3,115.61	3,115.61	2,712.94	.....	402.67	.....
11,660.59	11,660.59	9,584.74	.....	2,075.85	.....
168.10	168.10	175.02	.....	6.92	Dr.
827.84	827.84	690.38	.....	137.46	.....
1,276.36	1,276.36	1,276.36	.....	.....	.....
25.24	25.24	21.38	.....	3.86	.....
21,973.87	21,973.87	21,591.40	.....	382.47	.....
.0808	Dr.
38,070.00
507.31
138.08
137.23	1,000.00	1,000.00	.....	.....	.....
1,104.47
7.90
2.73
2.50
144.25
2,600.00
1.74
3.93
18.00
.20
.....	300.00	300.00	.....	.....	.....
.....	1,000.00	960.56	39.44	.....	.....
.....	10,000.00	9,485.54	514.46	.....	.....
.....	166.94	6,849.37	6,349.72	499.65	.....	.....
.....	1,000.00	994.13	5.87	.....	.....
.....	900.00	900.00	.....	.....	.....
.....	1,370.90	1,370.90	.....	.....	.....
.....	500.00	500.00	.....	.....	.....
.....	2,878.85	2,838.71	10.14	.....	.....
6,660.00	102,192.44	88,521.86	.....	.....	13,670.58
.....	175.07	.....	.....	.....	175.07
.....	556.99	.....	.....	.....	556.99
.....	103.08	.....	.....	.....	103.08
105,743.96	112,080.93	.....	.....	13,008.49	99,072.44

	Balance Jan. 1 1939	Appropriations	Receipts
Electric Light Dept.	3,573.26	.....	357,809.21
Depreciation Fund	109,168.64	.....	37,453.67
Construction Account .....	.....	.....	.....
Cemetery—Salary Supt. ....	.....	300.00	.....
Plaint St.—Maintenance .....	.....	280.00	7.00
Interest .....	.....	34,535.00	.....

Transfers	Refunds	Total	Expended	Closed to Revenue, etc.	Balance Dec. 31 1939	Transfers Out
.....	361,382.47	317,804.84	.....	3,577.63	40,000.00
.....	146,622.31	.....	.....	146,622.31	.....
40,000.00	40,000.00	.....	.....	40,000.00	.....
.....	300.00	300.00	.....	.....	.....
.55	287.55	287.50	.05	.....	.....
240.00	34,775.00	30,827.51	3,947.49	.....	.....

Respectfully submitted,
R. W. MAGLATHLIN,
Town Accountant.

GENERAL REVENUE

RECEIPTS

TAXES

Previous Years:		
1937	\$ 40,347.15	
1938	186,953.38	
		\$227,300.53
Current Year 1939:		
Poll	\$ 9,778.00	
Personal	24,562.72	
Real Estate	632,630.28	
		666,971.00
Disclaimed Taxes		512.31
Tax Titles:		
Redemptions	\$ 46,657.47	
Sewer	1,538.89	
		48,196.36
From State:		
Income	\$ 74,540.74	
Business Corporation	27,720.32	
Veterans' Exemptions	225.95	
Boulevard	2.27	
		102,489.28
From County:		
Dog Tax		4,120.52
Licenses and Permits:		
Alcoholic	\$ 6,294.50	
Junk	412.50	
Pedlars	63.00	
Common Victualers	160.00	
Sunday	160.50	
Pool, Billiards, etc.	42.00	
Revolver	41.00	
Gasoline	65.00	
Auto Dealers	90.00	
Rent of Hall	595.00	
Health	715.50	
All Other	620.64	
		9,259.64
Court Fines		557.55
Grants and Gifts:		
From State:		
Highways—Chapter 90	\$ 8,214.26	
Highways	38,983.22	
		47,197.48
Federal Grants:		
A. D. C. "118"	\$ 4,099.09	
Old Age Assistance	51,650.11	
		55,749.20

From Funds:

Playgrounds — Hollis Fund	\$ 500.00
Playgrounds — Thayer Fund	225.00
Library — Thayer Fund	250.00
Cemeteries — Minchin Fund	4.00
Cemeteries — Miller Fund	3.00

982.00

Special Assessments:

Sewer:

Apportioned — 1939	\$ 7,302.61
1938	3,612.09
1937	940.64

11,855.34

Unapportioned

605.96

Betterments Paid in Advance

1,471.71

Sewer Connections:

Apportioned — 1939	\$ 767.93
1938	357.53
1937	65.44

1,190.90

Unapportioned

2,545.98

Betterments Paid in Advance

261.00

Streets:

Apportioned — 1939	\$ 1,162.60
1938	493.60
1937	37.00

1,693.20

Excise Tax:

1939	\$ 40,462.50
1938	1,492.89
1937	198.77

42,154.16

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Treasurer 5.75

Collector:

Tax Information and Fees 293.89

Town Clerk:

Dog Licenses 2,551.60

Selectmen 3.00

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

Fire	\$ 7.27
Sealer of Weights & Measures	212.71
Inspection of Buildings	571.00
Moth	317.92
Dog Officer	63.00
Sale of Dog	3.00

1,174.90

HEALTH AND SANITATION

Health:

Accounts Receivable — Cities & Towns	\$ 2,837.44
Dental Clinic	708.75

3,546.19

Sewer

26.14

CHARITIES AND SOLDIERS' RELIEF

Temporary Aid:

Accounts Receivable — Cities & Towns	\$ 18,582.39	
State	20,540.10	
		39,122.49
All Other		137.39
A. D. C. "118"—Accts. Rec.—Cities & Towns.....		13,941.45
Old Age Assistance Accounts Receivable.....		62,220.24
Infirmary		5.00

Soldiers' Relief:

State Aid	\$ 520.00	
Military Aid	817.50	
Accounts Receivable	73.75	
		1,411.25

SCHOOLS

Tuition	\$ 3,540.64	
Miscellaneous	228.32	
		3,768.96

LIBRARY

Fines	\$ 618.18	
Miscellaneous	131.94	
		750.12

UNCLASSIFIED

Tailings Account	\$ 352.38	
Insurance	826.42	
W. P. A.....	8.70	
Income Tax Title Loan.....	99.93	
Sale of Land of Low Value.....	9.00	
Sale of Tax Title Possessions.....	1,634.00	
		2,930.43

ENTERPRISES AND CEMETERIES

Water	\$ 91,238.24	
Electric Light	357,809.21	
Cemeteries	143.00	
		449,190.45
Electric Light Depreciation	\$ 36,558.82	
Interest	894.85	
		37,453.67

INTEREST

Taxes	\$ 8,378.05	
Excise	50.28	
Tax Titles	4,214.88	
Disclaimed Taxes	84.27	
		12,727.48

Special Assessments:

Committed Interest:

Sewer, Ser. Conn. & Streets 1939.....	\$ 3,287.99	
Sewer, Ser. Conn. & Streets 1938.....	1,770.06	
Sewer, Ser. Conn. & Streets 1937.....	453.50	
		5,511.55

Not Committed:

1939	\$ 29.17	
1938	20.97	
1937	9.10	
		59.24

Water Department		240.00
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MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS

Anticipation of Revenue.....	\$700,000.00	
Tax Title Loan.....	50,000.00	
Water Bond	3,000.00	
	<hr/>	753,000.00
Trust Funds		1,326.59

REFUNDS

Welfare	\$ 185.10	
Old Age Assistance	1,732.16	
Highway	24.16	
Treasurer	403.54	
W. P. A.....	29.66	
School	1.00	
Soldiers' Relief	50.00	
State Aid	40.00	
A. D. C.....	81.00	
Insurance	166.94	
Fire Department	25.16	
Library	3.00	
Sewer	3.00	
	<hr/>	2,744.72

TRANSFERS FROM RESERVE FUND

Sewer — Myrtle Ave. Const.	\$ 1,500.00	
Sewer — Art Leather Service Line.....	900.00	
Sewer — W. P. A. Activities.....	500.00	
Sewer — W. P. A. Activities.....	497.79	
Highway — Mill Lane Drain	12.26	
Highway — W. P. A. Activities.....	505.17	
A. D. C. "118".....	2,400.00	
A. D. C. "118".....	1,000.00	
W. P. A. Administrative.....	1,000.00	
W. P. A. Activities.....	1,066.71	
Health — Contagious Diseases	103.61	
	<hr/>	9,485.54

Balance January 1, 1939:

General Cash	\$109,507.52	
Electric Light Dept.....	3,573.26	
Water Department	7,172.11	
Electric Light Depreciation.....	109,168.64	
Trust Funds	593.02	
	<hr/>	230,014.55

Total \$2,858,756.71

EXPENDITURES
GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Legislative:

Salary Moderator \$ 25.00

Finance Committee:

Secretary Salary	\$ 250.00	
Expenses	274.60	
	<hr/>	524.60

Selectmen:

Salaries	\$ 1,837.50	
Secretary	1,296.00	
	<hr/>	3,133.50

Expenses:

Supplies, Postage, Stationery	\$ 250.53	
Printing and Advertising	339.00	
Telephone	326.73	
Selectmen's Expenses	340.00	
All Other	33.05	
		<u>1,289.31</u>

Accountant:

Salary	\$ 2,000.00	
Clerk	808.00	
Postage and Office Supplies.....	112.68	
Printing and Advertising.....	.60	
Telephone	60.18	
All Other	70.36	
		<u>3,051.82</u>

Retirement System:

Transferred to System	21,511.52
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Treasurer:

Salary	\$ 2,000.00	
Clerks	1,872.00	
Office Expense, Postage and Stationery.....	1,035.34	
Telephone	62.37	
Surety Bond	278.25	
All Other	131.46	
Confirming Tax Titles.....	1,285.20	
		<u>6,664.62</u>

Collector:

Salary	\$ 2,000.00	
Deputy Collector	1,300.00	
Extra Clerical	1,385.90	
Office Expenses, Stationery and Postage.....	929.68	
Recording and Advertising	605.39	
Telephone	97.49	
Surety Bonds	569.00	
Printing	364.00	
All Other	61.39	
		<u>7,312.85</u>

Assessors:

Salaries	\$ 3,000.00	
Clerks	3,289.00	

Expenses:

Supplies and Postage	522.08	
Printing and Advertising	73.02	
Transportation and Meals	308.96	
Telephone	72.84	
Abstracts	578.50	
All Other	196.34	
		<u>8,040.74</u>

Law:

Salary	\$ 2,000.00
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Expenses:

Clerical	173.00	
Office Expense	30.79	
Telephone	30.00	

Witness Fees, Lunches, etc.....	202.05	
Transportation	156.00	
All Other	100.40	
		2,692.24
Settlement Suits vs. Town.....		760.16
Court Judgments		1,145.46
Land Damages		2,342.85
Union Street Judgment		7,645.60
Town Clerk:		
Salary	\$ 2,000.00	
Clerical Help	800.00	
Supplies, Postage, etc.	177.62	
Printing and Advertising	60.50	
Telephone	48.39	
Surety Bond	15.00	
All Other	10.14	
		3,111.65
Election:		
Election Officers	\$ 641.00	
Lunches	157.00	
Constables	10.00	
New Booths	711.29	
		1,519.29
Registration:		
Registrars	\$ 300.00	
Extra Compensations	1,000.00	
Clerical Help	390.00	
Supplies and Postage	639.91	
Printing and Advertising	806.68	
Lunches	7.00	
All Other	48.65	
		3,192.24
Engineering:		
Salary Engineer	\$ 2,500.00	
Transitmen	2,720.00	
Clerk	936.00	
Maintenance:		
Office Expense	115.71	
Telephone	65.39	
Postage	6.00	
Blueprints and Maps	92.54	
Materials	194.81	
Gas and Oil	82.67	
All Other	102.75	
		6,815.87
Town Hall:		
Janitor and Assistant	\$ 2,504.00	
Maintenance:		
Gas	15.95	
Fuel	466.47	
Light	401.51	
Janitor's Supplies	276.28	
Repairs	1,034.59	
Water	53.99	
Substitute Janitor	100.00	
All Other	347.07	
		5,199.86

Fire and Police Station:

Maintenance:

Gas	\$ 77.38	
Oil	1,099.94	
Light	282.20	
Janitor's Supplies	163.34	
Repairs	441.06	
Water	52.66	
All Other	170.66	
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		2,287.24
Planning Board		200.00

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY
POLICE DEPARTMENT

Salaries and Wages:

Chief	\$ 3,000.00	
Patrolmen	26,942.30	
Deputy Chief	2,400.00	
Sergeants	6,300.00	
Election Officers	57.60	
Janitor	975.00	
Sick Leave	397.80	
Vacations	1,209.60	
Matron	6.75	
Auto Repairs	645.30	
Gas and Oil	793.91	
Miscl. Expense, Lamps, Batteries, etc.....	415.88	
Janitor's Supplies	9.60	
Court Expenses	70.20	
Supplies and Postage	73.08	
Telephone	451.29	
Medical Aid	95.80	
Laundry	20.65	
All Other	128.55	
Airplane Disaster	43.95	
New Cars	500.00	
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		44,537.26
Dog Officer		200.00

Pensions:

Chief	\$ 1,250.00	
Patrolmen	2,000.00	
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		3,250.00

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Salaries:

Chief	\$ 3,000.00	
Deputy	2,400.00	
Permanent Men	30,700.00	
Hill	75.00	
Vacations	1,110.00	
Extra Pay	1,874.25	
July 4th Expense	207.00	

Equipment and Repairs:

Apparatus	676.87	
Hose	1,274.50	
Equipment for Men.....	340.44	
Auto Expenses	539.80	

Gas and Oil	479.54
Light	38.34
Fuel	196.67
Hydrant Service	1.00
Repairs — Plumbing	52.86
Mattress	7.50
Tires and Tubes	128.00
Water	21.00
Stationery and Postage	110.83
Telephone	233.00
Janitor's Supplies	90.39
Medical	55.36
All Other	225.12
Repairing Ladder Truck	187.90
New Auto	200.00
New Ladders	970.20

45,195.57

FIRE ALARM DEPARTMENT

Salary — Repairman	\$ 2,000.00
Extra Help	540.00
Light	27.55
Gas and Oil	159.99
All Other	1,175.14

3,902.68

INSPECTION OF BUILDINGS

Salary — Inspector	\$ 1,000.00
Expenses	100.00

1,100.00

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Salary — Sealer	\$ 375.00
New Seals	25.40
Transportation	93.50
All Other	75.40

569.30

TREE WARDEN

Planting and Trimming Trees.....	187.25
W. P. A. Rehabilitation	1,270.93

1,270.93

HEALTH AND SANITATION

Health:

Salaries of Board	\$ 300.00
Salary of Agent	1,691.00
Stationery and Postage	54.33
Printing and Advertising	120.28
Telephone	69.74
All Other	97.94
Transportation	306.42

2,639.71

Contagious Diseases:

Hospitals	\$ 7,333.49
Doctors and Medicine	1,770.12

9,103.61

Tuberculosis:

Board and Treatment	\$ 480.00	
County Assessment	9,733.51	
		10,213.51

Vital Statistics:

Return of Births and Deaths.....		50.00
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Inspector of Slaughtering:

Salary		75.00
Inspector of Plumbing		1,329.90
Garbage Collection		1,799.94

Dental Clinic:

Services	\$ 2,367.10	
Supplies	132.13	
		2,499.23

Inspection of Animals	200.00
Inspection of Meat and Provisions.....	59.00
Inspection of Milk	82.46
Diphtheria Clinic	316.69
Rabies Clinic	41.89

Sewerage:

Maintenance:

Commissioners	\$ 300.00	
Superintendent	3,000.00	
Stationery and Postage	178.31	
Clerk	936.00	
Labor	3,057.09	
Trucks	458.19	
Tools and Equipment	973.45	
Pipe and Fittings	124.80	
Gas and Oil	84.33	
Telephone, Light, Water, etc.....	725.29	
		9,837.46

House Connections:

Labor	\$ 2,911.59	
Trucks	276.23	
Pipe and Fittings	823.76	
Tools and Equipment	1,008.90	
All Other	608.74	
		5,629.22

W. P. A. Activities	17,913.50
Drainage Study	75.62
Myrtle Avenue Construction	1,454.11
Art Leather Construction	862.68

HIGHWAYS

Supt. Salary	\$ 3,000.00
Supplies	2,221.28
Patching	10,928.06
Repairs to Equipment	7,128.95
Gas and Oil	3,667.49
Tarvia and Sanding	10,064.67
Sidewalks — Repairs	2,137.52
Street Cleaning	5,943.22
Drains and Catch Basins.....	3,495.94

All Other:

Quincy Ave. Bridge	\$ 97.80
St. and Traffic Signs	567.28
Fence and Rails	258.58
All Other	6,861.66
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	7,785.32

New Truck	56,372.45
New Tractor's	4,488.00
Street Lighting	1,717.60
	12,000.00

Moth:

Superintendent	\$ 125.00
Labor	1,999.49
Repairs to Equipment	933.43
Supplies	24.00
Insecticides	379.76
All Other	69.38
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	3,531.06
Mill Lane Drain	682.26
Braintree Square Drain	816.54
Elm — Railroad and River Sts.	5,313.88
West Side Hancock St.	650.36
Wildwood Avenue Sidewalk	898.90
Liberty Park Avenue	88.59
Resurface and Regrade Elm St. Hill.....	1,710.77
Rubbish Collection	1,762.24
Chapter 90 — Church St.....	11,126.02
W. P. A. Activities	15,172.30
Chapter 500	873.95
Snow Removal	13,425.10

CHARITIES

Overseers of Poor (Welfare):

Salaries (3)	\$ 538.96
Administrator	2,410.00
Visitors	2,320.00
Clerk	808.00
Bookkeeper	1,326.00
Office Supplies	357.16
Gas and Oil	340.59
Auto Expenses	697.33
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8,798.04

Temporary Aid:

Groceries	\$ 32,754.44
Fuel	6,023.82
Rent	21,939.49
Medical Aid	11,040.19
State Institutions	1,169.09
Cash Grants	8,469.90
Shoes	1,581.08
Clothing	460.43
Light	1,294.65
Accounts Payable	4,145.14
All Other	941.73
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89,819.96

A. D. C. "118":

Cash Grants	\$ 18,958.44
Bills Payable	1,014.29

Administration	147.49	
Administration A. D. C. Federal Grant.....	341.07	
A. D. C. Federal Grant.....	3,584.85	
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		24,046.14

Infirmary:

Salary Supt.	\$ 1,200.00	
Salary Labor	884.00	
Groceries	2,502.83	
Clothing, etc.	177.33	
Repairs to Buildings	26.48	
Fuel	659.89	
Gas and Oil	25.42	
Medical	440.97	
All Other	931.31	
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		6,848.23

Old Age Assistance:

Administrator	\$ 1,560.00	
Clerical	1,000.00	
Office Expense	216.01	
Auto Expense	169.56	
Cash Grants, etc.	58,740.76	
Bills Payable	9,416.48	
Accounts Payable	2,996.45	
New Car	710.33	
Administration Federal Grant	1,666.07	
Old Age Assistance Federal Grant.....	51,716.20	
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		128,191.86

Soldiers' Relief:

Salary of Agent	\$ 1,300.00	
Office Supplies and Telephone.....	202.05	
Fuel	1,542.81	
Groceries and Provisions	4,195.75	
Rents	2,152.01	
Medical Aid	1,438.37	
Clothing and Shoes	614.08	
Cash Grants	7,664.13	
All Other	133.87	
Auto Expense	175.00	
State Aid for Soldiers' Burials.....	977.00	
Military Aid	1,180.00	
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		21,575.07

SCHOOLS

Superintendent (Salary)	\$ 4,500.00	
Secretary Supt. Office.....	1,350.00	
Attendance Officer	700.00	
Clerk—High School	1,250.00	
Clerk—Grammar School	576.00	
Janitors' Salaries	15,938.80	
Repairman	2,000.00	
Doctors	914.00	
Nurse	1,800.00	
Teachers' Salaries	240,220.42	
Miscellaneous Salaries	247.50	
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		269,496.72
Text Books		7,993.32
Supplies		8,996.87

Expense and Maintenance:

Printing and Advertising.....	\$ 485.61	
Telephone	791.23	
Transportation (Supt. & Repairman).....	870.80	
Tuition	5,649.73	
Transportation (Bus)	8,940.30	
Fuel & Light.....	10,831.32	
Water	954.91	
Repairs	10,619.92	
Janitors' Supplies	153.22	
Maintenance of Buildings & Grounds.....	2,041.25	
Furniture & Fixtures.....	297.62	
All Other	729.73	
		42,365.64
Monatiquot School Land Taking.....		625.00
Sprinkler System—Penniman School.....		1,993.51
W. P. A. Activities.....		4,322.34
Deferred Teachers' Salaries.....		7,294.32
School Survey		102.48
New Southwest School.....		99.00

LIBRARY

Librarian	\$ 2,000.00	
Assistants	6,083.07	
Janitors	616.00	
Books and Periodicals.....	2,840.81	
Binding	264.05	
Gas	232.80	
Fuel	248.75	
Light	162.94	
Repairs	155.23	
Furnishings	65.98	
Rent	1,500.00	
Stationery, Printing & Advertising.....	475.71	
Telephone	162.20	
All Other	291.83	
		15,099.37

RECREATION

Parks and Playgrounds—Pr. 1 & 2:		
Labor	\$ 574.86	
Materials	424.92	
		999.78
Parks and Playgrounds—Pr. 3 & 4:		
Labor	\$ 467.50	
Materials	378.04	
		845.54
Parks and Playgrounds—Pr. 5 & 6:		
Labor	\$ 331.18	
Materials	168.82	
		500.00
Organized Play:		
Labor	\$ 134.64	
Materials	564.78	
		699.42
Hollis Field Chain Link Fence.....		319.00

UNCLASSIFIED

Unpaid Bills Prior to 1939.....	\$ 2,868.71
Protection—Sunset Lake	300.00

Memorial Day	500.00
Town Reports	1,370.90
Insurance	6,349.72
Legion Building	994.13
Legion Building—W. P. A. New Heater.....	900.00

Selectmen's Miscellaneous:

Dog Officer	\$ 65.00
Town Meeting	130.00
Janitors—Hall	10.34
Office Expense	112.40
Postage	153.50
Advertising	28.50
All Other	180.82

680.56

Tailings Account	160.99
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W. P. A. Administration:

Salaries	\$ 1,343.00
Office Expense	504.52
Auto Expense	196.60
Sewing Project	2,320.41
Recreation	806.90
Surplus Commodities	1,280.96
Vital Statistics	157.64
N. Y. A.	256.51
Library Project	105.90
Veterans' Graves	56.77
Plain Street Cemetery.....	2,659.80
Legion Building	6,527.77
All Other	891.53

17,108.31

Water Dept. Maintenance.....	85,401.86
Electric Light Dept.....	317,804.84

Cemetery—Plain St.

Superintendent (Salary)	\$ 300.00
Labor	242.50
Maintenance	45.00

587.50

Interest:

Anticipation of Revenue.....	\$ 933.59
Schools	8,630.00
Sewer	18,825.00
Fire & Police Station.....	2,080.00
Water Department	240.00
Emergency Finance Loan.....	118.92

30,827.51

Municipal Indebtedness:

Anticipation of Revenue.....	\$700,000.00
Schools	56,000.00
Sewer	28,000.00
Fire & Police Station.....	8,000.00
Water Department	3,000.00
Emergency Finance Loan.....	48,200.47

843,200.47

County Tax	\$ 27,397.27
Dog Tax	2,595.80
State Tax	76,140.00
Charles River Basin Loan.....	2,712.94
Met. Parks Loan Sinking Fund.....	9,584.74

Met. Planning Division.....	175.02	
Met. Parks Loan Sink. Fund, Series 2.....	1,276.36	
Met. Parks Loan—Nantasket.....	690.38	
Wellington Bridge	21.38	
Met. Sewer—South System.....	21,591.40	
Abatement Smoke Nuisance.....	280.78	
Auditing Municipal Accounts.....	2,874.64	
Hospital Home Care C. W. Vets.....	120.00	
West Roxbury-Brookline Parkway.....	.08	
	<hr/>	145,460.79
Sale of Dog.....		3.00
Tax Titles—Abatement		91.00
Excess & Deficiency.....		450.00
Estimated Receipts		10.00

REFUNDS

Taxes	\$ 2,236.78	
Excise Taxes	1,491.93	
Poll Taxes	4.00	
Interest on Taxes.....	10.29	
	<hr/>	3,743.00
Transfers from Reserve Fund.....		9,485.54
(See Receipts)		
Trust Funds		1,403.08
Balance January 1, 1940		
General Cash	\$160,805.27	
Water	13,008.49	
Electric Light	43,577.63	
Electric Light Depreciation.....	146,622.31	
Trust Funds	516.53	
	<hr/>	364,530.23
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		\$2,858,756.71

RETIREMENT SYSTEM
RECEIPTS

Balance January 1, 1939.....	\$ 1,182.65	
Received during year.....	33,245.52	
	<hr/>	\$ 34,428.17

PAYMENTS

Salary—Clerk	\$ 204.00	
Miscellaneous Expense	185.57	
Pension Pay Roll.....	9,144.65	
Deposits Refunded	610.45	
Interest on Refunds.....	18.71	
Annuities Paid	124.52	
Investments, Bonds and Savings Banks.....	23,060.00	
Accrued Interest	174.95	
	<hr/>	33,522.85
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Cash Balance December 31, 1939.....		\$ 905.32

Respectfully submitted,

R. W. MAGLATHLIN,

Town Accountant.

UNPAID BILLS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1939
SOLDIERS' RELIEF DEPARTMENT

1937	Leo J. McMasters.....	\$100.00
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WELFARE DEPARTMENT

1939	A. Tassinary	\$2.75
1939	Economy Grocery Stores Inc.....	6.50
1939	Mass. Eye and Ear Infirmary.....	6.75
1939	B. Imbellone	5.00
		21.00

INFIRMARY

1939	New England Telephone and Telegraph Co.....	\$5.75
1939	Parsons Dry Goods Co.....	5.33
		11.08

BOARD OF HEALTH

1938	John J. Gallivan, M.D.....	37.00
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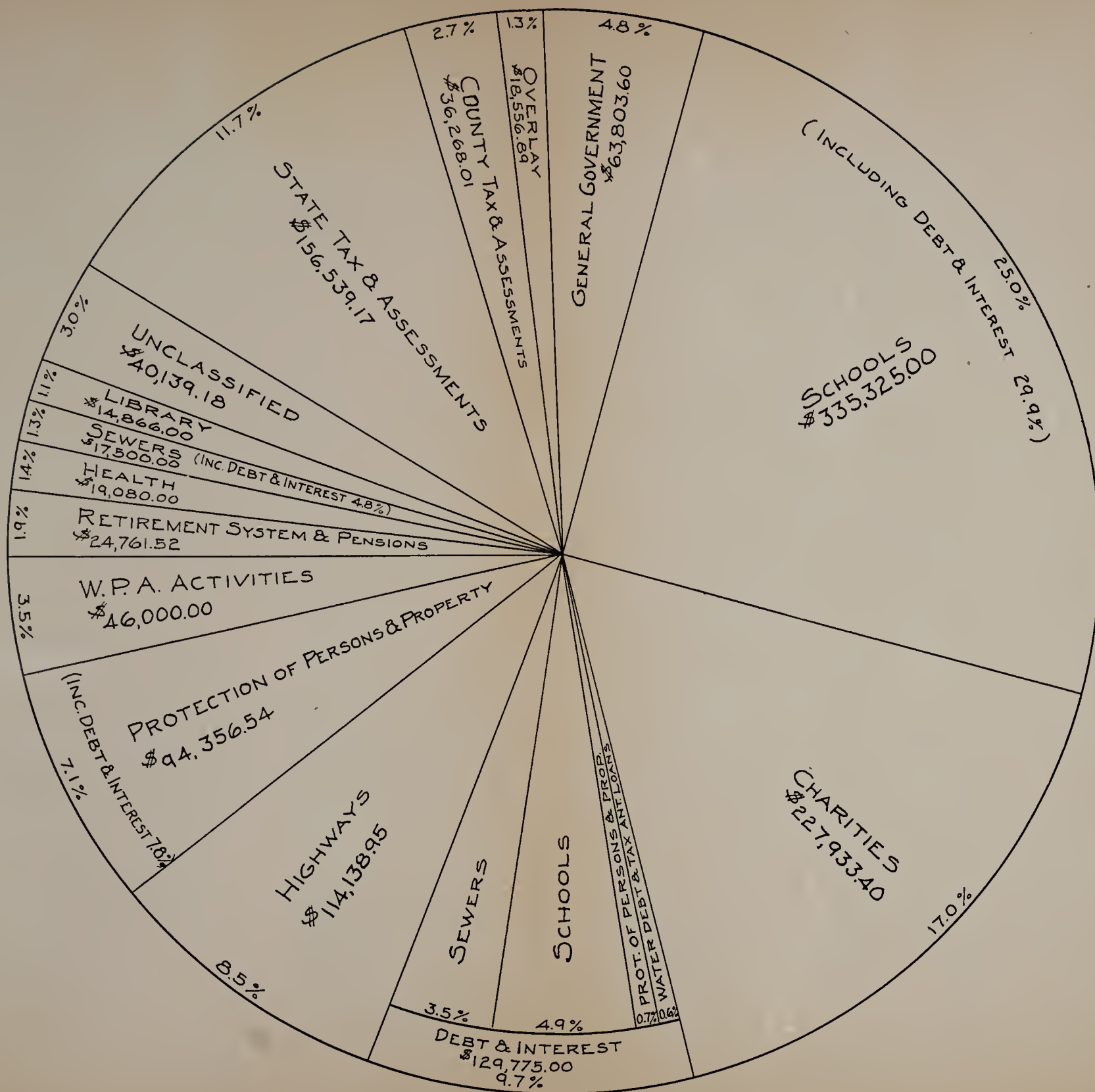
\$169.08

Respectfully submitted,

R. W. MAGLATHLIN,

Town Accountant.

TOWN OF BRAINTREE
1939
WHERE YOUR TAX MONEY GOES



ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
Town Treasurer
OF THE
Town of Braintree

For The Year
1939

TREASURER'S REPORT

JOHN W. HARDING, Treasurer

In account with the TOWN OF BRAINTREE

	Dr.
Cash Book Balance, Jan. 1, 1939.....	\$ 230,014.55
Received from Collection Department.....	970,913.93
Received from Anticipation of Revenue Notes.....	700,000.00
Received from Electric Light Department.....	357,809.21
Received from Water Department	91,238.24
Received from all other sources	499,295.24
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	\$2,849,271.17

	Cr.
Paid on Selectmen's Warrants for:	
Matured Anticipation of Revenue Notes	\$ 700,000.00
Bonds, Notes and Interest	174,027.98
Electric Light Department Vouchers	317,804.84
Water Department Vouchers	85,401.86
All other Appropriations & Expenditures	1,207,506.26
Cash Book Balance, Dec. 30, 1939.....	364,530.23
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	\$2,849,271.17

The cash book balance is made up of the following items:

General Town Account Balance.....	\$ 160,805.27
Braintree Electric Light Dept. Balance.....	43,577.63
Braintree Water Department Balance.....	13,008.49
Electric Light Depreciation Fund.....	146,622.31
Charles E. French Fund, Income Balance.....	30.24
Hannah R. Hollis Fund, Income Balance.....	4.11
George W. Kelley Fund, Income Balance.....	.45
Joseph S. Miller Fund, Income Balance.....	1.64
Julia A. Minchin Fund, Income Balance.....	5.82
Ann M. Penniman Fund, Income Balance.....	53.09
Avis A. Thayer Fund, Income Balance	7.68
Charles Thayer Fund, Income Balance.....	391.40
Tercentenary Fund, Accumulated Income.....	22.10
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	\$ 364,530.23

TOWN OF BRAINTREE WATER DEPARTMENT

John W. Harding, Treasurer
(See Braintree Water Department Report)

TOWN OF BRAINTREE ELECTRIC LIGHT DEPARTMENT

John W. Harding, Treasurer
(See Braintree Electric Light Department Report)

Funded Debt.

On January 1, 1939 the outstanding funded debt of the Town amounted to \$784,000. During the year \$95,000 of this debt matured and was paid, leaving \$689,000 outstanding on December 30, 1939. During the year interest amounting to \$29,775 on the funded debt came due and was paid.

Anticipation of Revenue Loans.

On January 1, 1939 there were outstanding \$200,000. Anticipation of Revenue Notes which matured in the months of March, April, May and June 1939 and which were paid on their due dates.

During the year a total of \$700,000 was borrowed in anticipation of revenue for 1939 and notes issued as follows:

\$150,000 dated Feb. 20, 1939 due Nov. 24, 1939 @ .247% discount.
150,000 dated Feb. 20, 1939 due Dec. 8, 1939 @ .247% discount.
100,000 dated June 12, 1939 due Dec. 18, 1939 @ .11 % discount.
100,000 dated July 10, 1939 due Dec. 29, 1939 @ .127% discount.
200,000 dated Dec. 5, 1939 due Nov. 25, 1940 @ .12 % discount.

The \$500,000 notes which matured in 1939 were paid when due leaving \$200,000 outstanding on December 30, 1939.

The cost of the borrowings in anticipation of revenue in 1939 was \$933.59.

Tax Title Loans.

On January 1, 1939 there was a balance due the Commonwealth of Massachusetts of \$25,881.17 on the Emergency Finance Loan made in October 1938. Monthly payments were made on the loan from the redemptions of tax titles, the final payment being made on May 10, 1939.

Pursuant to a vote passed at the 1939 annual town meeting, the Town on April 22, 1939 borrowed \$50,000 from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts under the Emergency Finance Act. Monthly payments were made on this loan during the balance of the year amounting in the aggregate to \$22,319.30. The balance of the loan remaining unpaid on Dec. 30, 1939 was \$27,680.70.

TABULATION OF TOWN OF BRAINTREE BONDED DEBT OUTSTANDING JAN. 1, 1940, SHOWING ANNUAL PAYMENTS OF PRINCIPAL TO BE PROVIDED FROM REVENUE 1940 TO 1961 INCLUSIVE

Title of Loan	Rate	Due 1940	Due 1941	Due 1942	Due 1943	Due 1944	Due 1945	Due 1946	Due 1947	Due 1948	Due 1949	Due 1950	Due 1951	Due 1952	Due 1953	Due 1954	Due 1955	Due 1956	Due 1957	Due 1958	Due 1959	Due 1960	Due 1961	Total
First Sewer Loan of 1931	3½%	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$14,000.00	\$14,000.00	\$14,000.00	\$14,000.00	\$14,000.00	\$14,000.00	\$324,000.00
Third Sewer Loan of 1934	3¼	8,000.00	8,000.00	8,000.00	8,000.00	8,000.00	7,000.00	7,000.00	7,000.00	7,000.00	7,000.00	7,000.00	7,000.00	7,000.00	7,000.00	7,000.00	7,000.00							110,000.00
Second Sewer Loan of 1933	5	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00								60,000.00
Fire & Police Station Loan of 1930	4	8,000.00	8,000.00	7,000.00	7,000.00	7,000.00	7,000.00																	44,000.00
Highlands School Loan of 1929	4½	8,000.00	8,000.00	8,000.00	8,000.00	8,000.00																		40,000.00
Lincoln School Addition Loan of 1929	4½	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00																		30,000.00
Watson School Loan of 1922	4	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00																				12,000.00
High School Loan of 1926	4	22,000.00	22,000.00																					44,000.00
Penniman School Loan of 1926	4	6,000.00	6,000.00																					12,000.00
Torrey School Loan of 1925	4¼	10,000.00																						10,000.00
Water Main & Standpipe Loan of 1930	4	3,000.00																						3,000.00
Total		\$95,000.00	\$82,000.00	\$53,000.00	\$49,000.00	\$48,000.00	\$33,000.00	\$26,000.00	\$26,000.00	\$26,000.00	\$26,000.00	\$26,000.00	\$26,000.00	\$26,000.00	\$26,000.00	\$22,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$14,000.00	\$14,000.00	\$14,000.00	\$14,000.00	\$14,000.00	\$14,000.00	\$689,000.00

TABULATION OF ANNUAL PAYMENTS OF INTEREST ON TOWN OF BRAINTREE BONDED DEBT TO BE PROVIDED FROM REVENUE 1940 TO 1961 INCLUSIVE

Title of Loan	Rate	Due 1940	Due 1941	Due 1942	Due 1943	Due 1944	Due 1945	Due 1946	Due 1947	Due 1948	Due 1949	Due 1950	Due 1951	Due 1952	Due 1953	Due 1954	Due 1955	Due 1956	Due 1957	Due 1958	Due 1959	Due 1960	Due 1961	Total
First Sewer Loan of 1931	3½%	\$11,340.00	\$10,815.00	\$10,290.00	\$9,765.00	\$9,240.00	\$8,715.00	\$8,190.00	\$7,665.00	\$7,140.00	\$6,615.00	\$6,090.00	\$5,565.00	\$5,040.00	\$4,515.00	\$3,990.00	\$3,465.00	\$2,940.00	\$2,450.00	\$1,960.00	\$1,470.00	\$980.00	\$490.00	\$128,730.00
Third Sewer Loan of 1934	3¼	3,575.00	3,315.00	3,055.00	2,795.00	2,535.00	2,275.00	2,047.50	1,820.00	1,592.50	1,365.00	1,137.50	910.00	682.50	455.00	227.50								27,787.50
Second Sewer Loan of 1933	5	2,875.00	2,625.00	2,375.00	2,125.00	1,900.00	1,700.00	1,500.00	1,300.00	1,100.00	900.00	700.00	500.00	300.00	100.00									20,000.00
Fire & Police Station Loan of 1930	4	1,760.00	1,440.00	1,120.00	840.00	560.00	280.00																	6,000.00
Highlands School Loan of 1929	4½	1,800.00	1,440.00	1,080.00	720.00	360.00																		5,400.00
Lincoln School Addition Loan of 1929	4½	1,350.00	1,080.00	810.00	540.00	270.00																		4,050.00
Watson School Loan of 1922	4	480.00	320.00	160.00																				960.00
High School Loan of 1926	4	1,760.00	880.00																					2,640.00
Penniman School Loan of 1926	4	480.00	240.00																					720.00
Torrey School Loan of 1925	4¼	425.00																						425.00
Water Main & Standpipe Loan of 1930	4	120.00																						120.00
Total		\$25,965.00	\$22,155.00	\$18,890.00	\$16,785.00	\$14,865.00	\$12,970.00	\$11,737.50	\$10,785.00	\$9,832.50	\$8,880.00	\$7,927.50	\$6,975.00	\$6,022.50	\$5,070.00	\$4,217.50	\$3,465.00	\$2,940.00	\$2,450.00	\$1,960.00	\$1,470.00	\$980.00	\$490.00	\$196,832.50

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Tax Collector

OF THE

Town of Braintree

FROM

December 31, '38 to December 31, '39

REPORT OF TAXES

1939 ASSESSMENTS
Year Ending December 31, 1939

	Real Estate and Misc. Apportionments	Motor Vehicle Excise	Poll Taxes	Personal Property	Total
Commitments	\$917,331.37	\$42,868.16	\$11,480.00	\$28,230.02	\$ 999,909.55
Add:					
Disclaimed Tax Title Accounts	331.24				331.24
Refunds by Abatement	2,021.02	1,471.34	4.00		3,496.36
Total Charges	\$919,683.63	\$44,339.50	\$11,484.00	\$28,230.02	\$1,003,737.15
Less:					
Cash Receipts	645,151.41	40,462.50	9,778.00	24,562.72	719,954.63
Abatements	16,245.58	2,738.58	1,012.00	105.10	20,101.26
Taxes Added to Tax Title	10,196.04				10,196.04
Credits by Statute		17.08	2.00		19.08
Total Credits	\$671,593.03	\$43,218.16	\$10,792.00	\$24,667.82	\$ 750,271.01
Balance December 31, 1939	\$248,090.60	\$ 1,121.34	\$ 692.00	\$ 3,562.20	\$ 253,466.14
Percentage of Commitments uncollected	27.04%	2.62%	6.02%	12.62%	25.35%
Miscellaneous Income:					
Interest					8,572.34
Fees					171.45
Tax Certificates					97.00
Accounts Previously Abated					4.44
Total					\$ 8,845.23

GEORGE H. GERRIOR, JR., Tax Collector.

REPORT OF TAXES

1938 ASSESSMENTS

Year Ending December 31, 1939

	Real Estate and Misc. Apportionments	Motor Vehicle Excise	Poll Taxes	Personal Property	Total
Original Commitment	\$938,586.51	\$42,200.69	\$10,430.00	\$32,181.72	\$1,023,398.92
Balances January 1, 1939	254,997.47	771.71	280.00	3,842.35	259,891.53
Add:					
Additional Commitments		1,450.86			1,450.86
Disclaimed Tax Title Accounts	662.74				662.74
Refunds by Abatement	215.76	20.59			236.35
Total Charges	\$255,875.97	\$ 2,243.16	\$ 280.00	\$ 3,842.35	\$ 262,241.48
Less:					
Cash Receipts	190,103.62	1,492.89	182.00	2,901.04	194,679.55
Abatements	1,266.27	640.72	62.00	39.78	2,008.77
Taxes added to Tax Title	7,410.56	31.82			7,410.56
Credits by Statute					31.82
Total Credits	\$198,780.45	\$ 2,165.43	\$ 244.00	\$ 2,940.82	\$ 204,130.70
Balance December 31, 1939	\$ 57,095.52	\$ 77.73	\$ 36.00	\$ 901.53	\$ 58,110.78
Percentage of Commitment Uncollected	6.08%	—	—	2.8%	5.68%

GEORGE H. GERRIOR, JR.,

Tax Collector.

REPORT OF TAXES

1937 ASSESSMENTS Year Ending December 31, 1939

	Real Estate and Misc. Apportionments	Motor Vehicle Excise	Poll Taxes	Personal Property	Total
Balance January 1, 1939	\$ 48,212.75	\$ 291.81	\$ 34.00	\$ 419.10	\$ 48,957.66
Add:					
Disclaimed Tax Title Accounts	833.70				833.70
Total Charges	\$ 49,046.45	\$ 291.81	\$ 34.00	\$ 419.10	\$ 49,791.36
Less:					
Cash Receipts	41,465.23	198.77	24.00	354.50	42,042.50
Abatements	322.38	65.25	10.00	64.60	462.23
Tax Takings	7,258.84				7,258.84
Credits by Statute		27.79			27.79
Total Credits	\$ 49,046.45	\$ 291.81	\$ 34.00	\$ 419.10	\$ 49,791.36
Balance December 31, 1939	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
TAX TITLE ACCOUNTS DISCLAIMED, PREVIOUS YEARS					
Disclaimed Tax Title Accounts (1926-1936)	\$1,572.07				
Less:					
Cash Receipts	\$512.31				
Abatements	653.13				
Tax Takings	406.63				
Total Credits	\$1,572.07				
Balance December 31, 1939					

GEORGE H. GERRIOR, JR., Tax Collector.

REPORT OF TAXES

BETTERMENT ASSESSMENTS

Year Ending December 31, 1939

	Unapportioned Assessments		Deferred Assessments	
	Sewer	Sewer Connection	Sewer	Sewer Connection
Balance January 1, 1939 . .	\$1,813.26	\$3,560.03		
Additional Commitment . . .	2,463.18	5,853.33	\$1,676.71	\$261.00
Total Charges	\$4,276.44	\$9,413.36	\$1,676.71	\$261.00
Less:				
Cash Receipts	439.47	2,711.97	1,471.71	261.00
Abatements			205.00	
Returns for Apportionment	1,373.79	3,046.58		
Total Credits	\$1,813.26	\$5,758.55	\$1,676.71	\$261.00
Balance December 31, 1939	\$2,463.18	\$3,654.81	\$	\$

GEORGE H. GERRIOR, JR.,
Tax Collector.

**TOWN OF BRAINTREE
CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT SYSTEM
TREASURER'S REPORT**

To the Citizens of the Town of Braintree:

I submit herewith my annual report as treasurer of the Town of Braintree Contributory Retirement System, covering the period from January 1, 1939 to December 30, 1939. Under authority of Section 31H of Chapter 318 of the Acts of 1936 the Town Treasurer is custodian of all funds and securities held by the Retirement System.

CASH RECEIPTS		Dr.
Cash Balance, Jan. 1, 1939 (Retirement Fund)		\$ 1,126.05
Cash Balance, Jan. 1, 1939 (Expense Fund)		56.60
Receipts for Year 1939 (Retirement Fund)		32,841.52
Receipts for Year 1939 (Expense Fund)		404.00
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		\$34,428.17

CASH PAYMENTS		Cr.
Payments by Vouchers of Retirement Board (Retirement Fund)		\$33,133.28
Payments by Vouchers of Retirement Board (Expense Fund)		389.57
Cash Balance, Dec. 30, 1939 (Retirement Fund)		834.29
Cash Balance, Dec. 30, 1939 (Expense Fund)		71.03
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		\$34,428.17

SECURITIES HELD	
Par Value	Bonds
\$2,000	Atlantic City Electric Co.....3 1/4 % due 1964
2,000	Brooklyn Edison Co.....3 1/4 % " 1966
5,000	Cleveland Electric Illuminating Co.....3 3/4 % " 1965
5,000	Cumberland County Power & Light Co.. 3 1/2 % " 1966
2,000	Edison Electric Ill. Co. of Boston.....3 1/2 % " 1965
5,000	Green Mountain Power Corp.....3 3/4 % " 1963
2,000	Illinois Bell Telephone Co.....3 1/2 % " 1970
2,000	Pacific Gas & Electric Co.....3 1/2 % " 1966
1,000	Pennsylvania Electric Co.....4 % " 1971
1,500	U. S. Government Savings Bonds..... " 1948
2,000	Westchester Lighting Co.....3 1/2 % " 1967
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\$29,500	

Deposit	Savings Banks
\$1,000	Abington Savings Bank
2,000	Braintree Savings Bank
1,000	Bridgewater Savings Bank
1,000	Brockton Savings Bank
1,000	Dedham Inst. for Savings
1,000	East Bridgewater Savings Bank
2,000	East Weymouth Savings Bank
1,000	Hingham Inst. for Savings
1,000	Lynn Inst. for Savings
1,000	Milton Savings Bank
2,000	Quincy Savings Bank
1,000	Randolph Savings Bank
1,500	South Weymouth Savings Bank
1,000	Weymouth Savings Bank
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\$17,500	

Respectfully submitted,
JOHN W. HARDING,
Town Treasurer.

January 2, 1940.

JURY LIST 1940

AS PREPARED BY THE SELECTMEN

Abbott, Lawrence R., 47 Hobart Terrace	Clerk
Abell, Charles F., 40 Edgemont Street	Ganger
Adam, Clarence B. E., 76 Front Street	Retired
Albert, Alfred O., 91 Cabot Avenue	Woodworker
Albonetti, Reo, 26 Crescent Avenue	Shoemaker
Alison, Ronald, 30 Lisle Street	Clerk
Almquist, Elton E., 128 Front Street	Clerk
Almy, Harold, 116 Cleveland Avenue	Bank Examiner
Alves, John, 37 Maple Street	Photographer
Arnold, George A., 242 Middle Street	Farmer
Arnold, Ralph W., 491 Washington Street	Time Keeper
Ayer, Benjamin, 257 Tremont Street	Landscape Gardner
Barkelow, Cornelius, Middle Street	Iron Worker
Bates, Lester, 434 Elm Street	Retired
Bean, George A., 116 Hobart Street	Machinist
Beck, Robert S., 37 Dean Street	Salesman
Bennett, John, Liberty Street	Chauffeur
Bestick, Charles, 469 Washington Street	Electric
Bjorkman, Carl H., 36 Willow Street	Painter
Blood, Harold E., 33 Ardmore Street	Manager
Blunt, Arthur A., 259 Willow Street	Manager
Bolles, Harrison, 35 Claremont Street	
Boynton, Arthur E., 145 River Street	Real Estate
Brooks, William C., 35 Newton Street	Salesman
Brown, Edward D., 302 Washington Street	Salesman
Brown, Burton H., 23 Willow Street	Shoeworker
Buckley, James J., 56 Arthur Street	Chauffeur
Burke, Warren P., 72 River Street	Metal Worker
Campbell, Frank J., 30 Harbor Villa Avenue	Pumper
Campbell, Fred, 21 Quincy Avenue	Manager
Cannon, John E., 98 Beechwood Road	Clerk
Carlino, Felix A., 568 Pond Street	Farmer
Carlozzie, Frank, 33 Fountain Street	Shoe Worker
Cashen, Louis F., 73 Arthur Street	Clerk
Cavanaugh, Arthur J., 72 Cedar Street	Contractor
Chambers, Robert, 328 Commercial Street	Boiler Maker
Chiesa, Dela, 159 Hawthorne Road	Engineer
Clark, Edgar G., 50 Thayer Road	Accountant

Keefe, Bernard W., 80 Hawthorne Road	Clerk
Coccozello, Joseph A., 46 Wyman Road	Shoe Worker
Cogswell, William J., 137 Arborway Drive	Accountant
Collins, James P., 201 Commercial Street	Asst. Engineer
Costantino, Dominick, off Butler Road	Shoe Worker
Coveter, Arthur, 22 Sheppard Avenue	Salesman
Cummings, Charles R., 34 Lakeview Avenue	Clerk
Cushing, Perley H., 250 Plain Street	Clerk
Dalton, Thomas J. F., 46 Elliot Street	Foreman
Davenport, George, 171 Hayward Street	Janitor
DeCoste, Harold J., 333 Sunnyside Avenue	Merchant
DeGiso, Alphonse, 548 Pond Street	Service Manager
Demarest, Clarence, 68 Sherbrooke Avenue	Salesman
Demerritt, Harlan, 27 Sampson Avenue	Market Man
Demers, Theodore N., 51 River Street	Clerk
Diack, Alexander, 172 Elmlawn Road	Mfg.
Dodge, Lewis P., 95 Presidents Road	Salesman
Donahue, Thomas, 412 Union Street	Sheet Metal Worker
Dow, Alva M., 46 Lemoyne Street	Salesman
Drake, Frank, 16 Highland Avenue	Painter
Dries, Frederick, Washington Street	Rubber Worker
Drollett, Robert A., West Street	Superintendent
Dubois, Jules L., 32 Myrtle Street	Furniture Dealer
Durgin, Charles F., 54 Bellevue Road	Salesman
Dyer, John B., 29 Academy Street	Shoeworker
Eadie, Clifton H., 26 Park Avenue	Insurance
Edson, Gordon W., 39 Liberty Street	
Eosue, Michael E., 235 Franklin Street	Shoe Worker
Erickson, Arthur, Jr., 184 Hollis Avenue	Clerk
Fabiano, Generoso, 132 Pond Street	
Farquahson, William H., 20 Cavanaugh Road	Polisher
Ferguson, Charles W., 65 Hobart Street	Asst. Sales Manager
Frey, Edward G., 26 Arthur Street	Clerk
Gavin, John, 332 Union Street	Clerk
Griffiths, Herbert R., 11 Vine Street	Book Folder
Gurney, James P., 36 Bowditch Street	Painter
Gustafson, Otto, 96 Cabot Avenue	Electric Crane Op.
Hale, Arthur L., 42 Franklin Street	Clerk
Hall, Drew B., 156 River Street	Treasurer
Hardey, Charles, 26 River Street	Truck Driver
Harvey, Walter J., 335 Middle Street	Machinist
Harvey, Lloyd F., 820 Washington Street	Chauffeur
Hayden, Eugene E., 571 West Street	Farmer
Hennedy, Hugh, 314 Franklin Street	Blacksmith
Herendeen, Lloyd, 143 Elmlawn Road	Agent
Hitchcock, George A., 20 Cochato Road	Manager
Holder, Herbert A., 560 Commercial Street	Electrician
Holmberg, George P., Bellevue Avenue	Shipper
Huleatt, Thomas R., 273 Middle Street	Clerk
Iliffe, William G., 11 Devon Road	Steam Fitter
Innis, William, 294 Shaw Street	Machinist

Kelley, Kenneth J., 135 Liberty Street	Student
Kimball, Clifton P., 137 Shaw Street	Architect
King, Donald L., 70 Holbrook Avenue	Chemist
Lathrop, Durant, 19 Trefton Drive	Clerk
Leatherbee, Harold W., 68 Walnut Street	Accountant
Lee, John R., 238 Pearl Street	Rubber Worker
LeSage, Eugene P., 91 Pond Street	Clerk
Mace, Harry P., 23 Harbor Villa Avenue	Accountant
Mackenzie, Russell, 7 Vernon Street	Manager
MacLeod, Alexander, 52 Sterling Street	Machinist
Magaldi, Joseph M., 1 King Hill Road	Salesman
Makepeace, Carl G., 30 Faulkner Place	Iron Const.
Mallon, James, Phillips Street	Shoe Worker
Maloney, Daniel A., 33 Bowditch Street	Carpenter
Mantia, Salvatore, 4 Hilliard Court	Milk Dealer
Matthews, Henry, 7 Wellington Street	Machinist
Mattie, Walter J., 674 Commercial Street	Farmer
MacBay, Judson H., 27 Arthur Street	Manager
McCusker, Harry J., 16 Oak Street	Bleacher
McDonald, Preston P., 73 Liberty Street	Collector
McGrath, John R., 29 Charles Street	Retired
McKeough, Joseph S., 607 Washington Street	Carpenter
McLaughlin, John F., 31 Morrison Road	Salesman
McLaughlin, Harold, 18 Bradley Road	Engineer
McLean, Austin J., 249 Washington Street	Manufacturer
Menadier, Howard, 177 Commercial Street	Accountant
Messinger, Thomas F., 36 Statson Street	Clerk
Miller, Carroll F., 88 Lakeside Drive	Accountant
Nelligan, John, 27 Oakland Street	Pipe Fitter
O'Connor, Edward, 68 School Street	Dentist
Olson, Charles O., 49 Sterling Street	Shoe Worker
O'Neil, Emmet F., 110 Bellevue Road	Shipper
O'Rourke, John T., 125 Plain Street	Mechanic
Palmer, Allison W., Hayward Street	Florist
Patterson, William G., off Howard Street	Manager
Peach, Joseph, Braintree Gardens	Bricklayer
Perry, John, 904 Washington Street	Salesman
Pino, Samuel, 8 Thayer Street	Salesman
Powers, John J., 31 Lisle Street	Iron Worker
Powers, Arthur C., 68 Robinson Avenue	Insurance
Powers, William J., 84 Front Street	Plumber
Pratt, Harold S., 29 Hobarth Avenue	Printer
Preston, William J., 575 Commercial Street	Electrician
Prouty, Millens W., 226 Liberty Street	Salesman
Purdy, William, 184 Elmlawn Road	Salesman
Quinlan, William G., 10 Ardmore Road	Accountant
Reardon, Timothy J., 16 Middle Street	Salesman
Robertson, Henry B., 13 Coolidge Avenue	Salesman
Book, Samuel, 110 Hillside Road	Stone Mason
Ryan, John A., 131 Liberty Street	Carpenter
Santosuosso, Frank R., 71 Granite Street	Shoe Worker

Schroth, Edward J., 2 Hillview Road	Steamfitter
Shields, Lorenzo, 22 Middle Street	Supervisor
Smiley, Harrison T., 40 Franklin Street	Druggist
Smith, Edward J., 423 Commercial Street	Bookkeeper
Smith, Ernest C., 10 Belmont Street	Clerk
Stackhouse, Herbert F., 69 Presidents Road	Painter
Starr, Leo F., 55 Sterling Street	Welder
Stenberg, John H., 6 Ardmore Road	Photo Engraver
Stevens, Edwin J., 325 Commercial Street	Foreman
Sullivan, Edward J., Jr., 64 Bickford Road	Student
Sullivan, John M., 218 Pearl Street	Contractor
Sullivan, Timothy E., 36 Oak Street	Salesman
Swanson, Victor E., 102 Presidents Road	Salesman
Swiminer, Harvey, 123 Elmlawn Road	Salesman
Taber, Theodore E., 19 Commercial Street	Asst. Shipper
Tagen, Thomas, 4 Liberty Street	Auditor
Thomas, William W., 370 Sunnyside Avenue	Jobbing
Tirrell, Walter E., 92 Argyle Road	Salesman
Tracey, Edward J., 82 Central Avenue	Painter
Trainor, Lawrence A., Jr., 5 Liberty Street	Filling Station
Tuck, William G., 165 Arnold Street	Painter
Vining, John F., 28 Willard Street	Architect
Vining, Robert M., 28 Willard Street	
Vinton, Harry F., Sr., 30 River Street	Real Estate
Wade, Robert G., 83 Cabot Avenue	Asst. Manager
Walsh, George J., 5 Wellington Street	Bleacher
Warwick, Ernest, 17 Coolidge Avenue	Carpenter
Welch, George J., 105 Tremont Street	Iron Worker
Weston, Frederick H., 102 Tremont Street	Electrician
Weston, N. Lloyd, 102 Tremont Street	Iron Worker
Whitman, Roland H., 4 Sunset Road	Broker
Woodworth, George E., 302 Washington Street	Clerk
Wynot, Parker E., 382 Commercial Street	Filling Station Att.
Yourell, John H., 85 Hobart Street	Shoe Worker
Zanghi, Joseph, 117 Rose Avenue	Barber

WARRANT

FOR

Annual Town Meeting



Norfolk, ss. To either of the Constables of the Town of Braintree.
Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Braintree, qualified to vote in elections therein, to meet at the polling places in their respective Precincts, to wit:

- Polling Place in Precinct 1, Noah Torrey School.
- Polling Place in Precinct 2, Town Hall.
- Polling Place in Precinct 3, Legion Building.
- Polling Place in Precinct 4, Penniman School.
- Polling Place in Precinct 5, Hose House, Allen Street.
- Polling Place in Precinct 6, Thomas Watson School.

On Monday, the fourth day of March, 1940, at five forty-five o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to bring in to the Wardens of their respective Precincts their votes on the official ballot for a Moderator; Town Clerk; a Town Treasurer; one Selectman for a term of three years; one member of the Board of Public Welfare for a term of three years; one member of the Board of Assessors for a term of three years; one Water Commissioner and Commissioner of Sinking Fund for a term of three years; two members of the School Committee for a term of three years; one member of the Municipal Lighting Board for a term of three years; one member of the Board of Health for a term of three years; one Sewer Commissioner for a term of three years; one Park Commissioner for a term of three years; a Tax Collector; a Tree Warden; two members of the Planning Board for a term of three years; one member of the Planning Board for a term of two years to fill vacancy; two Trustees of Thayer Public Library for a term of two years; and eighty-four Town meeting members as follows: Thirteen Town Meeting members in Precinct 1 for a term of three years; fourteen Town Meeting members in Precinct 2 for a term of three years; fourteen Town Meeting members in Precinct 3 for a term of three years; fourteen Town Meeting members in Precinct 4 for a term of three years; one Town Meeting member in Precinct 4 for a term of two years to fill vacancy; one Town Meeting member in Precinct 4 for a term of one year to fill vacancy; thirteen Town Meeting members in Precinct 5 for a term of three years; one Town Meeting member in Precinct 5 for a term of one year to fill vacancy; twelve Town Meeting members in Precinct 6 for a term of three years; one Town Meeting member in Precinct 6 for a term of one year to fill vacancy.

The polls will be opened at five forty-five o'clock in the forenoon and will be closed at eight o'clock in the evening.

You are further directed to notify and warn the said inhabitants qualified to vote as Town Meeting members, to meet at the Town Hall in said Braintree on Monday, the eighteenth day of March, 1940, at seven forty-five o'clock in the evening, then and there to act upon the following articles, namely:

Article 1. To choose all Town Officers, except those elected by ballot.

Article 2. To hear and act upon the report of the several boards of Town Officers, and committees, and choose any committee the Town may think proper.

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1940, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1941, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with the provisions of Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money for general municipal purposes under the authority of and in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 49 of the Acts of 1933, as amended, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 6. To see if the Town will hold its Treasurer harmless on his bond for any loss which may arise from the failure of any National Bank or Trust Company in which the funds of the Town may be on deposit, said Bank or Trust Company being designated by the Selectmen.

Article 7. To see if the Town will hold its Collector harmless on his bond for any loss which may arise from the failure of any National Bank or Trust Company in which the funds of the Town may be on deposit, said Bank or Trust Company being designated by the Selectmen.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise or borrow and appropriate a sum of money for a Reserve Fund for extraordinary and unforeseen expenditures during the current year.

Article 9. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise or borrow and appropriate for Interest and Maturing Debt the present year, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 10. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise or borrow and appropriate for Insurance on Town property and Workmen's Compensation, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 11. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise or borrow and appropriate for the Norfolk County Hospital Assessment, for maintenance and repairs.

Article 12. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to defray the expenses of the Three Hundredth Anniversary Celebration for Braintree, the same to be expended under the supervision of the Special Committee appointed under Article 53 of the 1934 Annual Town Meeting, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$88.87 to be used by the Tercentenary Committee in 1940, the same to be taken from the so-called Tercentenary Fund, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to celebrate the Three Hundredth Anniversary of the Incorporation of the Town by the erection of a suitable tablet, or take any other action relative thereto.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Article 15. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for General Government for salaries and expenses for the following departments and other purposes, or take any action relative thereto.

1. Moderator.
2. Finance Committee.
3. Selectmen.
4. General Government Incidentals.
5. Accountant.
6. Town Engineer.
7. Assessors.
8. Treasurer.
9. Tax Collector.
10. Town Clerk.
11. Election.
12. Registration.
13. Law.
14. Maintenance of Municipal Buildings.
15. Contributory Retirement System.

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

Article 16. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the protection of persons and property, or take any action relative thereto.

1. Life Guard at Sunset Lake.
2. Building Inspector.
3. Sealer of Weights and Measures.
4. Tree Warden's Department.
5. Moth Department.
6. Fire Department.
7. Police Department.

HEALTH AND SANITATION

Article 17. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Health and Sanitation, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 18. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise or borrow and appropriate for the maintenance and operation of the Water Department, including interest and debt on Water Loans, the same to be taken from the revenue of the Department, and the unexpended balance of 1939, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the income of the Water Department, the sum of \$300.00, for the salaries of the Water Commissioners.

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to place under the exclusive control of the Water Department two parcels now held by the Town on tax title foreclosure proceedings and described as follows:

1. A lot formerly owned by Dennis Crowley and Michael Shea, designated as Plot No. 1 on Plan No. 2054 on file in the Assessors' Office; and

2. A parcel formerly owned by J. L. Emery and shown as Plots No. 1 and No. 2, Lots No. 314 and No. 315 on Plan No. 1053 on file in the Assessors' Office; or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the income of the Electric Light Department, the sum of \$300.00, for salaries of the Electric Light Commissioners.

Article 22. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Street Lighting.

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to include in the Tax Levy for electricity used for street lighting the sum of \$13,000.00 as appropriated under Article 22 of the Warrant for the 1940 Annual Town Meeting, and that said sum together with the income from sales of electricity to private consumers, or for current supplied to Municipal Power, and from sales of appliances and jobbing during the current fiscal year, to be appropriated for the use of the Municipal Light Plant, the whole to be expended under the direction and control of the Municipal Light Board for repairs, renewals, new construction and operating expenses of the plant for the present fiscal year, as defined in Section 57 of Chapter 164 of the General Laws, and that, if said income shall exceed the expense of the fiscal year, such excess shall be transferred to the construction fund of said plant and appropriated and shall be used for such additions to the plant as may thereafter be authorized by the Municipal Light Board.

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to place under the exclusive control of the Electric Light Department a parcel of land now held by the Town on Tax Title foreclosure proceedings described as follows: Lots 20, 21, and part of 22, Plots 61 and 62, on Plan No. 1028 on file in the Assessors' Office, containing approximately 12,500 square feet of land, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 25. To see what sum or sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the purposes of the Sewer Department, to be expended by the Board of Sewer Commissioners, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300.00 for salaries of the Board of Sewer Commissioners.

Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to abandon its easement for sewer purposes through and over land of John E. Buckley et al., running from the northerly side of Union Street to the southerly line of the highway at the new under-pass, so-called, or take any action relative thereto.

PARK DEPARTMENT

Article 28. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the general uses of the Board of Park Commissioners, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 29. To see if the Town will vote to set apart a portion of Watson Park, on lease, or otherwise, for the use of the Braintree Yacht Club; or take any action relative thereto.

CEMETERIES

Article 30. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the improvement of the Cemetery, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 31. To see if the Town will vote to accept the Charles C. Hill Trust Fund of \$100.00, the income to be used for the care of Lot No. 70 in Plain Street Cemetery, or take any action relative thereto.

SCHOOLS & LIBRARIES

Article 32. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, for the support of the Public Schools, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 33. To see if the Town will vote to raise, or borrow, and appropriate sums of money for the purposes of constructing, furnishing, and equipping an addition to the High School, and for the making of additions, alterations, and repairs to the present building, and to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow all, or any part, of said sums in accordance with the provisions of any General or Special Acts authorizing the Town to borrow for said purposes, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 34. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Public Library, or take any action relative thereto.

SOLDIERS' BENEFITS

Article 35. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Soldiers' Relief, State Aid and Military Aid, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 36. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the Observance of Memorial Day, or take any action relative thereto.

PUBLIC WELFARE

Article 37. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Public Welfare Department, including Aid for Dependent Children, and Adequate Assistance to Certain Aged Persons under the provisions of Chapter 118A, Acts of 1931, or take any action relative thereto.

HIGHWAYS

Article 38. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the support of the Highway Department, including labor, repairs and building sidewalks, stone roads and removal of Snow, repairs to highways, Town ways and Bridges; Oiling and Tarring of Streets; purchase of equipment for said department; and collection of rubbish; or take any action relative thereto.

Article 39. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the repair, maintenance and opening of the Quincy Avenue Draw-Bridge, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 40. To see if the Town will vote to accept Lincoln Street, east from Liberty Street, a distance of six hundred ninety (690) feet as laid out by the Selectmen, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 41. On Petition. To see if the Town will vote to accept for and as a Town way, BERWICK STREET, so-called, as laid out by the Selectmen, and raise and appropriate a sum of money for the improvement of said way under a W.P.A. Project, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 42. On Petition. To see if the Town will vote to accept AUDUBON AVENUE, from Ferncroft Road to Vinedale Road, a distance of about six hundred (600) feet, as laid out by the Selectmen, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 43. On Petition. To see if the Town will vote to accept NEWTON AVENUE, so-called, from the present point of acceptance to Bickford Road, as laid out by the Selectmen, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 44. On Petition. To see if the Town will vote to accept as a Town way SAGAMORE STREET, as laid out by the Selectmen or that portion of it that may be improved by a W.P.A. Project.

Article 45. On Petition. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the Construction of Sidewalks on Dewey Road from Quincy Avenue, both sides, to Shaw Street; or take any action relative thereto.

Article 46. On Petition. To see if the Town will vote to accept as and for a Town way, AUDUBON ROAD, so-called, from the present line of acceptance easterly to Argyle Road, as laid out by the Selectmen, and raise and appropriate a sum of money for the improvement of the said way under a W.P.A. Project; or take any action relative thereto.

Article 47. On Petition. To see if the Town will vote to accept as and for a Town way, PRIMROSE STREET, so-called, and raise and appropriate a sum of money for improvement and a water main of the said way under a W.P.A. Project, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 48. On Petition. To see if the Town will vote to accept as and for a Town way, STATEN ROAD, so-called, from present line of acceptance westerly to Abbott Street, as laid out by the Selectmen, and raise and appropriate a sum of money for the improvement of the said way under a W.P.A. Project; or take any action relative thereto.

Article 49. On Petition. To see if the Town will vote to accept as and for a Town way, GARLAND STREET, so-called, from Dickerman Lane southerly to Storrs Avenue, as laid out by the Selectmen, and raise and appropriate a sum of money for the improvement of the said way, under a W.P.A. Project; or take any action relative thereto.

Article 50. On Petition. To see if the Town will vote to accept as and for a Town way, WINDEMERE CIRCLE, so-called, approximately 555 feet in a westerly and northerly direction from the present point of acceptance, as laid out by the Selectmen, and raise and appropriate a sum of money for the improvement of the said way, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 51. On Petition. To see if the Town will vote to accept as and for a Town way, PARKSIDE AVENUE, so-called, from Walnut Street 850 feet easterly, as laid out by the Selectmen, and raise and appropriate a sum of money for the improvement of the said way, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 52. On Petition. To see if the Town will vote to accept as and for a Town way, WALNUT STREET, so-called, from Parkside Avenue to Lakeside Drive, as laid out by the Selectmen, and raise and appropriate a sum of money for the improvement of the said way, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 53. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to construct a sidewalk on the northerly side of Commercial Street from Shaw Street to Mill Lane or take any action relative thereto.

Article 54. On Petition. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the purchase or taking by eminent domain for highway purposes of the land necessary for the construction of a road to be an extension of Storrs Avenue in a westerly direction to Walnut Street, described as follows:

"Beginning at the northeast corner of Walnut Street and Storrs Avenue Extension, so-called, and running in an easterly direction, in a straight line, along land of Murray F. Perry and through land of John Naples, for a distance of about Two Hundred feet to Storrs Avenue as now constructed; thence southerly along Storrs Avenue as now constructed about Forty feet; thence westerly in a straight line through land of John Naples and along line of land of James Fuller about Two Hundred feet to the southeasterly corner of Storrs Avenue Extension, so-called, and Walnut Street. This latter line is parallel to and Forty feet from the first line above described. Thence northerly along Walnut Street, Forty feet, to the point of beginning. This parcel is shown on a plan entitled 'Plan of Land in Braintree, Mass., belonging to Richard Moorey,' by W. N. Chittenden, C. E., dated January 2, 1929, recorded with Norfolk Deeds, Book 1957, page 125, described as Storrs Avenue Extension, and is now owned in part by Elsie G. Nickerson, Trustee under a Declaration of Trust dated December 27, 1930, and recorded with Norfolk Deeds, Book 1920, page 54 (for her appointment see Norfolk Deeds, Book 2183, page 195), and in part by John Naples"; or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 55. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the improvement of WELLINGTON STREET, so-called, approximately 400 feet easterly from present point of construction, or take any action relative thereto.

MISCELLANEOUS

Article 56. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money in addition to sums of money already appropriated, to cover the Town's share for materials, trucking and other necessary expenditures in connection with W.P.A. activities or other Special Aid projects in conjunction with State or Federal Government; or take any action relative thereto.

Article 57. To see what sums of money, in addition to that appropriated under any other article, the Town will vote to raise or borrow and appropriate for Land Damages.

Article 58. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the payment of printing and distribution of the Annual Report of the Town of Braintree for 1939.

Article 59. To see if the Town will vote to hear the report of the Committee to study the By-laws, appointed under Article 2 of the Annual March Town Meeting of 1939, and to see what sum of money

the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the expenses of the Committee, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 60. To see what distribution the Town will vote to make of the income of the Thayer Fund.

Article 61. On Petition. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1200.00 to assist Braintree Post No. 86, American Legion, in the maintenance of its Headquarters in the Legion Building, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 62. On Petition. To see if the Town will vote to renew its lease with Braintree Post No. 86, Department of Massachusetts, the American Legion, of the Legion Building for a term of five years from January 18, 1941, at \$1.00 per year, reserving one room for polling purposes, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 63. On Petition. To see if the Town will add a section to Article II of its By-laws, to be known as Section 13, to read as follows:

All town meetings shall adjourn not later than 10:30 P.M. unless, in the opinion of the Moderator, the remainder of the Warrant can be completed by 11:00 P.M. or in any way act thereon.

Article 64. On Petition. To see if the Town will have the Moderator appoint a committee annually to investigate costs and doings in Norfolk County and report their findings to each annual town meeting.

Article 65. On Petition. To see if the Town will authorize the Water Department to aid any new industry that comes to town by granting it a temporary reduction in water rates of 50% for a period of three months, or in any way act thereon.

Article 66. On Petition. To see if the Town will direct its officials to be present at all town meetings, prepared to answer all questions that Town Meeting members may ask concerning the operation of their departments since the last annual meeting.

Article 67. On Petition. To see if the Town will request the School Committee to conduct an evening course in Local Government for adult attendance, or in any way act thereon.

Article 68. On Petition. To see if the Town will request the School Committee to include in the High School curriculum a compulsory course in Local Government or in any way act thereon.

Article 69. On Petition. To see if the Town will establish standard office hours for all offices of the town or in any way act thereon.

Article 70. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell property, title to which has been acquired by the Town under tax title foreclosure procedure, at public auction, provided notice of such auction sale be published in one or more newspapers published in the Town at least one week before the date of said sale, and to authorize the Selectmen to execute deeds conveying said land.

Article 71. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the expenses of the Planning Board, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 72. To see what action the Town will take on the report of the Committee appointed pursuant to a vote of the 1939 Annual Meeting to consider the matter of Zoning; and to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the expenses of said Committee or its successors in the preparation of Zoning By-Law; or take any action relative thereto.

Article 73. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to meet the payment of certain bills contracted prior to January 1st, 1940, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 74. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purchase of the French Estate, so-called, being Plot 6 on Plan No. 1005 on file in the Assessors' Office, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 75. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum or sums of money for the purchase or taking by Eminent Domain of certain lands for Parking Places in the business centers of the Town, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 76. To see if the Town will take any action relative to the designation of the G. A. R. Lot in the Plain Street Cemetery as a general Soldiers' Burial Lot under the jurisdiction of the Selectmen.

Article 77. To see if the Town will vote to convert the Memorial Hall, so-called, into additional office space, and transfer the possession of the various historical relics therein to the Braintree Historical Society or take any action relative thereto.

Article 78. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of paying salary of Edward Avery for services as Selectman and member of Board of Public Welfare from May 1, 1938 to December 30, 1938, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 79. To see if the Town will vote to raise or borrow and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of constructing, furnishing and equipping a FIRE STATION located in East Braintree; and to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow all, or any part of said sums and to authorize the proper officers to take any steps which may be necessary to secure an allotment of Federal Funds under P.W.A. or other Federal agency, to supplement any appropriation made by the Town; or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 80. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the care and maintenance of property acquired by the Town under Tax Title Foreclosure Procedure, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 81. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to secure a suitable location, to be used as a Town Dump, and appropriate any money for the same, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 82. On Petition. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purchase or taking by Eminent Domain, of a certain parcel of land containing approximately eight acres, located on the Monatiquot River meadows, in the rear of the Highway Dept. barn, for the purpose of a Dump, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 83. To see if the Town will vote to authorize and direct the Assessors to use not more than \$75,000 from Free Cash toward the reduction of the 1940 tax rate.

Article 84. On Petition. To see if the Town will adopt, and memorialize other Towns and Cities within the Commonwealth, and the Great and General Court, urging them to adopt the substance of the following resolutions, or to see what action the Town will take with reference thereto:—

Resolved: That in the methods to be used in constructing and repairing our properties, those methods be adopted which will employ men, rather than utilize machinery to the exclusion of manual labor.

Be It Further Resolved: That in all contemplated projects of larger proportions to be done under contract, a stipulation be included in each contract which shall specify what work is to be done by hand labor, and what is permitted to be done by machinery:—

Be It Further Resolved: That, whereas, in process of construction by Government, the mechanical machine used is of course supported by all the human machines, the former dependent, the latter self-supporting when in occupation, when not in occupation is contributing to the support of the mechanical machine out of the earnings of the occupied persons; and to maintain a Democracy all members of the Association must have opportunity to grow while contributing to build public luxuries and support a government, we should constantly consider our supporting means.

You are directed to serve this Warrant by posting true and attested copies thereof in three public places in each Voting Precinct in said Town of Braintree, ten days at least before said fourth day of March, 1940, and by publishing the same once each week for two successive weeks in the "Braintree Observer," the first publication to be at least eight days before said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, before said meeting.

Given under our hands at Braintree, this first day of February, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and forty.

HENRY D. HIGGINS, Chairman

ALBERT E. ROBERTS, Clerk

HENRY H. STORM

Selectmen of the Town of Braintree.

A true copy. Attest:

JOHN J. HEANEY,

Constable of Braintree.

Braintree, Mass., February 8th, 1940.

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant, I hereby notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Braintree, qualified as expressed therein, to meet at the time and places mentioned, for the purposes therein mentioned.

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